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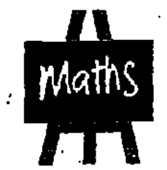

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Attempt to cool leadership fever

Major opens up debate on EU policy

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

Deck is cleared for early election

The Conservatives are making contingency plans for a general election this autumn. The party has booked accommodation in October for press conferences and other election events at the television and media centre at Millbank, close to the Houses of Parliament, and other Westminster sites.

Similar arrangements have been made for April, 1997, which remains the most favoured date for an election.

JOHN MAJOR pleased the Tory Euro-sceptics yesterday by bowing to pressure for a White Paper laying out the Government's position on Europe in the run-up to negotiations on the future of the European Union.

The move, which took ministers and MPs by surprise, came amid a ministerial drive to calm a renewed bout of leadership fever sparked by suggestions that previously loyal backbenchers have been plotting against Mr Major.

The White Paper was announced after Mr Major took his sharpest sideswipe yet at Baroness Thatcher over her attack last week on One Nation Conservativism. Pointing to his record in cutting inflation, mortgage rates and unemployment, he declared: "That is what she, when Prime Minister, sought to achieve. It is what we have delivered."

Mr Major was in buoyant mood and backbenchers said that the White Paper move and a 0.25 percentage point cut in interest rates were deeply political. "He is thinking electorally all the time, " one said. Last night the 18-strong executive of the 1922 committee reaffirmed its strong support for Mr Major.

The decision on the White Paper was taken at short notice by the Cabinet yesterday. As recently as Tuesday senior ministers had indicated that the decision was not close, and on Wednesday Tory MPs voted against a Labour call in a Commons committee.

Officials confirmed that Mr Major had decided to bring the matter to Cabinet after talking to Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and that he had secured "unanimous" agreement. Even so, the decision meant that Mr Major would have had to overcome reservations of pro-European ministers.

The sceptics had been pushing for a White Paper so that the Government could be held to account during the inter-governmental conference in March. The objective, officials said, was to produce a realistic document setting out aims without giving away the bottom line negotiating position.

Although ministers insist that the document will not tie their hands it is a victory for the sceptics and could ease Mr Major's position. Bill Walker, a Euro-sceptic, said: "I'm delighted we'll be given an opportunity to debate in order that the Government can be sure of how Parliament views the position." Hugh Dykes, a Euro-enthusiast, said that the Government was right to rule out a detailed negotiating document.

But Mr Major could be storing up trouble. Euro-sceptic MP Bill Cash said that he would be looking for firm pledges on a single currency, no more majority voting and curbing the powers of the European Court — almost certainly too much for Mr Major to promise.

The Chancellor Kenneth Clarke headed a line of ministers who condemned any suggestions of a fresh challenge to Mr Major. "I would deplore any leadership challenge," he told BBC Radio.

Sir Norman Fowler, the former Conservative chairman, blamed the speculation on a "maverick minority". "The vast majority of the parliamentary party is entirely behind John Major and want to see him lead the party into the next election," he said. But a right-wing Conservative said: "I would not be at all surprised if some on the left of the party were not jockeying for position. There's a lot of discontent there, as shown by Alistair Burt's letter to *The Times* criticising Lady Thatcher's speech."

In the Commons Mr Major laughed off the reports, saying it was "silly speculation ... it has been nonsense in the past and it is nonsense now."

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MICHAEL POWELL

Ellen Curran and Jonathan, who was the first child to undergo the revolutionary technique at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow

Breakthrough in meningitis treatment

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland correspondent

DOCTORS in Glasgow believe they have devised a revolutionary technique that could save the lives of hundreds of children facing death from meningitis. Four children who received the treatment in the past year have survived. Doctors said yesterday that had they not had the treatment, three would have died.

The technique for treating meningococcal septicaemia, a virulent form of meningitis that results in blood poisoning, has been devised by doctors at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow.

The treatment involves "washing" the patient's blood through a filter to clear it of toxins as soon as the illness takes hold. The filtration, known as haemo-diafiltration, is similar to that used in kidney dialysis but is a simpler procedure that could be carried out by most hospitals.

The first child to be treated was three-year-old Jonathan Curran from Coatbridge, who contracted meningococcal septicaemia in March. His mother, Ellen, 32, said the illness progressed rapidly: "Within an hour my son was dying before my eyes."

Within four hours of reaching the intensive care ward in Glasgow, treatment began. Jonathan was in intensive care for 3½ weeks and in hospital for two months. His parents were told that he had six hours to live. As a result of the blood poisoning, his left leg was amputated below the knee.

Meningitis kills 500 people in Britain every year, many of them children. Deaths from meningococcal septicaemia are not given separately.

The treatment was the brainchild of Dr Crispin Best, consultant anaesthetist and paediatric intensive care specialist, and his team. He was not convinced the treatment would work, but knew it would do no harm. The patients were so close to death he had nothing to lose.

"Instead of waiting for renal failure before starting filtration we decided to try starting the treatment immediately. It is a fairly simple procedure by intensive care standards. All you need is a decent tube, a good-size vein, a pump and a filter." He emphasised that it was not a cure, adding that that four patients represented too small a sample to state categorically that the treatment worked, but he said the early impression was that it could save lives.

Every paediatric intensive care unit and almost every adult intensive care unit will have the necessary equipment. The treatment is simpler than that tried at Guy's hospital, London, which involves placing the patient on a heart/lung machine. These are available at fewer than half a dozen hospitals.

☐ Borko and Vera Krunic, the parents of a 17-year-old student who died from meningococcal septicaemia, last night said they would sue Ealing Hospital, west London, for allegedly failing to recognise her symptoms.

Alison died on Tuesday morning after a doctor allegedly said she was suffering from a bad cold and gave her a painkilling injection.

☐ A schoolboy, 15, from Stevenage, Hertfordshire has died from meningicool septicaemia. He was taken ill on Monday evening and died on Wednesday afternoon. He has not yet been identified.

Clarke rate cut boosts share prices

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

KENNETH CLARKE yesterday cut interest rates for the second month running, a move which delighted the financial markets but is unlikely to give another boost to homeowners.

The Chancellor cut base lending rates from 6.5 per cent to 6.25 per cent, but leading building societies said that they would leave their mortgage rates unchanged.

The unexpected cut, which followed Wednesday's monthly meeting between Mr Clarke and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, sent the FTSE index to a record closing high of 3748.7, up 44.5 points on the day.

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HGV drivers fear for jobs over Brussels eye-test rule

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

THOUSANDS of spectacle-wearing lorry and bus drivers face losing their jobs because of a new Brussels ruling that will force them to pass eye tests without their glasses on.

The regulation, which comes into effect throughout the European Union on July 1, is aimed at improving road safety by forcing poorly sighted drivers of heavy vehicles off the roads.

From that date all heavy goods vehicle and bus drivers will have to meet tough standards for their vision in both eyes when they reapply for their licences. Because of fears that drivers could be temporarily blinded if their glasses are knocked off or contact lenses pop out in the cab, they will have to pass their tests using their uncorrected vision.

The previous directive allowed drivers to carry on working with one bad eye as long as the unaided vision in the other eye met the standard. It also required drivers reapplying for their licences to meet only the standard in force when they first qualified.

A Department of Transport spokesman said the new test demands that drivers who wear glasses must be able to see at 3 ft with uncorrected vision what a normal sighted person can see at 60 ft.

Hauliers predicted last night that the new regulation would end the careers of thousands of drivers. An estimated 60 per cent of drivers wear glasses or contact lenses. Bob Terris, managing director of the Southampton-based Meachers Transport, said: "It is absolutely ridiculous. I suppose it is possible glasses could fall off but it is hardly a common occurrence. It is easy enough to wear a strap to prevent that."

Jim Good, 54, from Southampton, whose licence is up for renewal in three years, said he would not be able to continue his job. "I've been driving for 25 years and my glasses have not ever fallen."

Transport unions said the Government's forecast that about 3,000 drivers would lose their jobs as a result of the directive was a severe underestimate. But the spokesman for the Department of Transport dismissed the fear. "Yes, we recognise some drivers are going to lose their licences and yes, that is something we regret, but it is important that with vehicles of this size we are absolutely sure they are in safe hands."

Yeltsin claims siege victory

President Yeltsin claimed victory over the Chechen guerrillas last night saying that 82 hostages had been freed from the village of Pervomaiskoye after four days of fighting.

However, reports from the front line said that the leader of the group and a number of his fighters had broken through the Russian lines and escaped into Chechenia the previous night. There was also doubt about how many hostages survived......Page 15

Climbdown on prisoner chaining

The Home Secretary has announced a government climbdown on the shackling of women prisoners after protests from hospital staff and the Royal College of Midwives.

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GPs offered 'more rewarding' hospital role

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent

A RADICAL shake-up of the way family doctors work was announced by Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, yesterday.

Britain's 30,000 GPs will be expected to treat accident and emergency cases, chronic illness and mental health patients under a national contract to be drawn up over the next year. Family doctors will work in hospitals under the supervision of consultants as well as carrying out minor surgery and post-operative care in GP surgeries.

More patients would be treated at home rather than in hospital under the proposals, partly designed to ease growing pressure on hospital beds.

Nurses working for GP practices would take on extra duties such as prescribing drugs and seeing regular patients with minor problems, freeing doctors for more serious ailments.

Mr Dorrell outlined his plan for primary health care services to GP leaders yesterday afternoon, pledging "reasonable rewards for reasonable workloads".

In an earlier interview, he admitted legislation might be needed for parts of the contract, which would be detailed in a consultation paper this summer after discussions with the medical profession. But he emphasised he wanted to proceed with most changes as soon as possible — he hoped within a year — provided he won GPs' agreement.

The proposals represented "a huge opportunity to improve the quality of service to patients and make work more rewarding for staff," be said.

This first major reform of GP services since 1990 met a cautious response from the British Medical Association. Doctors welcomed Mr Dorrell's "constructive approach" but feared extra work would not be matched with extra money.

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Crusading hyenas and other laughing matters

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Immersed in their pet subjects, politicians often talk what would be total gibberish to the rest of the world. For months the Home Secretary has been prone to make sudden references to bumble bees — a police operation, apparently. Yesterday David Maclean, a junior Home Office minister, started raving about hyenas. Informed by Tom Cox (Lab, Tooting) that cars were being stolen in Manchester on order for Australia, Maclean boasted that "the hyenas campaign" would soon put a stop to that.

The hyenas campaign? What were hyenas campaigning about? Having never been lobbied by a hyena, it was hard to picture.

Next to strain credulity was Peter Luff (C, Worcester), who warned the PM about Labour's "shaddy" backroom deals. Shaddy? "Sorry," stammered Mr Luff, "shobby." He may have meant shady; or shoddy; or shabby; or even scabby. Or crabby? Or perhaps he did not know what he meant. The hyenas will get him.

We moved to Michael Howard's statement — an awkward climbdown, conducted with poise — about the treatment of pregnant women prisoners. All at once, it seems, we "manacle" prisoners. Or else, according to MPs, we "shackle" them, or keep them "in chains".

By contrast, ministers speak of "securing" prisoners. One set of terms evokes a picture of wretches chained to dripping walls. "Securing" suggests a friendly officer, perhaps, holding the prisoner firmly by the hand. Of course what both sides are discussing is the *handcuffing* of prisoners: the one word nobody seems to use.

So the frustration of Michael Fabricant (C, Mid-Staffs) was understandable. Bouncing up and down whenever manacles were mentioned (and interrupting the complaints of the Labour spokesman Jack Straw with shouts of "They're *criminals* — convicted *criminals!*") Fabricant then got up to tell MPs that they were "not discussing innocent young gals". Gathering steam, he added: "They're not balls *and chains*," then subsided, spluttering "anyway, they're *light* manacles".

Then rage overcame him once more. Angela Eagle (Lab, Wallasey) was protesting that the mother might be a criminal, "but the babies are innocent". Fabricant blew a fuse. "The babies aren't shackled," he barked; then, in total rage: "we *aren't* shackling the *foetus!*"

Manacles, shackled foetuses, hyenas ... I was having trouble getting my head round all this, when Dr Norman Godman (Lab, Greenock & Port Glasgow) rose to inform the Home Secretary that a prisoner had been operated on for haemorrhoids while manacled to a prison officer. "The officer was masked and gowned," added Godman, mysteriously, "as it was an operation."

Presumably the prisoner was masked and gowned, too. Two masked and gowned figures, handcuffed together, wheeled in for a haemorrhoid op. Dreadful if they got the wrong one.

Up in the Press Gallery, hilarity wrestled sympathy.

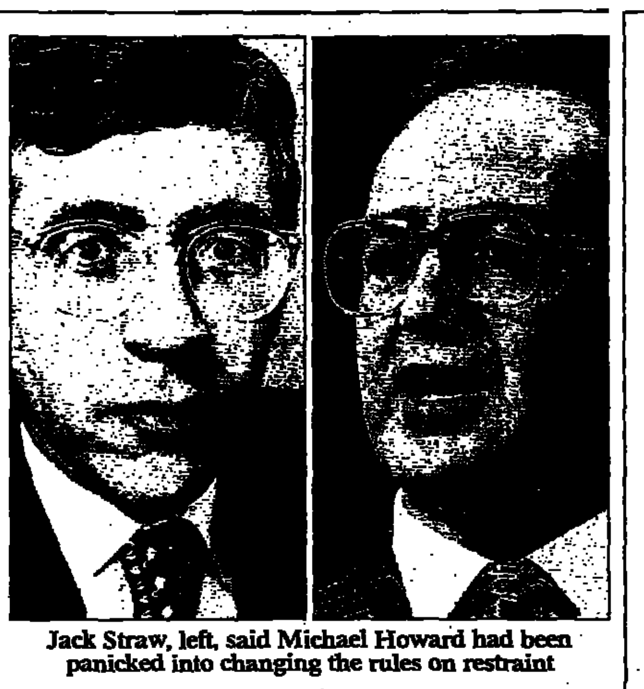
As indeed it did when Labour's Chris Mullins archly told John Major: "I'm sorry to see the bastards are plotting again. And it's not your fault. It's just your bad luck to be Prime Minister when the bills are coming in from the Thatcher era. It's not a leadership election your backbench MPs need, it's a general election. That would soon shut them up."

We could all but see the tears of gratitude welling in the PM's eyes as he recognised this inadmissible but wholly accurate expression of what he almost certainly believes himself.

He denied it, of course.

Howard backs down on chaining of pregnant prisoners

By Richard Ford, home correspondent


Jack Straw, left, said Michael Howard had been panicked into changing the rules on restraint

THE Home Secretary announced a government climbdown on the shackling of women prisoners yesterday after protests from hospitals and the Royal College of Midwives.

Michael Howard told MPs that prisoners taken to hospital to give birth would not be chained or handcuffed after arriving. He has also relaxed the policy on women attending antenatal clinics and regulations on male and female inmates attending outpatient appointments.

Mr Howard said that the new arrangements would strike "a reasonable balance on behalf of the public" between security and treating prisoners with humanity.

But Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, told him in the Commons: "You have been driven to this humiliating retreat not by decency or by compassion, but by panic at the avalanche of bad publicity."

The controversy began after a television programme showed Annette Walker, a serial thief, shackled during part of her labour at the Whittington Hospital, north London. Earlier this week ministers defended the restraint policy.

Under the revised regulations, which were sent to prison governors last night, pregnant prisoners will be handcuffed during the journey to hospital but the restraints will be removed on arrival. In most circumstances they will be escorted by two female prison officers and jail staff will not be present in the delivery room unless the woman requests it.

Women visiting hospital for antenatal checks will have restraints removed when they reach the waiting room unless there is an exceptionally high risk of escape.

Governors will also be able to allow the removal of restraints on men and women prisoners attending hospital if a risk assessment suggests they will not attempt to escape. The inmate will, however, be escorted by two prison officers. Mr Howard indicated that restraints would continue to be used in most cases.

The softening of the guidelines, which were introduced in April 1994, was given qualified approval by penal reform groups. Paul Cavadino, chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium, said: "This belated shift towards a more humane policy is welcome. However, the change is a limited one."

He complained that the guidelines, drawn up after talks between the Prison Service and the Royal College of Midwives, would still mean that women were handcuffed during funerals, visits to elderly relatives and civil court proceedings. "Most women prisoners pose little, if any, security risk. Handcuffing them should be the exception rather than the general rule."

BBC blocks the 2-minute political broadcast

By Alexandra Frean
Media correspondent

THE BBC has blocked a Labour Party plan to ease the pain of viewers by reducing the length of party political broadcasts to just two minutes.

The corporation feared viewers would not be able to absorb complicated political messages in short bursts and that there was a risk of mistaking them for advertisements. The broadcasts were introduced in 1953 and were halved to five minutes in the late 1970s.

The corporation conceded last night that many viewers regard party political broadcasts as a tedious disruption to their normal viewing but warned Labour that shorter broadcasts would confuse audiences. "It is felt that five minutes is the absolute minimum amount of time that a party can inform people about their policies and viewpoints," a BBC spokeswoman said.

Dave Hill, Labour's head of press, said he was disappointed at the BBC's decision. The party would continue to press for two-minute broadcasts. "You have to put the message across in a way which meets the expectations of viewers today. A shorter, sharper message will seem like less of an interruption and will be less likely to make unsuspecting audiences switch off. A greater number of shorter messages will be more effective. Everything is moving in that direction."

A spokesman for Conservative Central Office said that if broadcasts were made very short, there was a danger that viewers would find them hard to distinguish from programme trailers and commercials. "Another danger with short broadcasts is that they force you into being very negative. Most American political advertising is 30 seconds long and it is heavily negative," he said.

Grandees' plot forces Tories to look anew at their leader

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

There were two sets of reaction to yesterday's account in *The Times* of the "grandees' plot" against John Major's leadership. Some politicians looked to the immediate future, asking who were the plotters, whether they would succeed or whether the early news of their activities would also be the end of them. Others looked back to last year and the still mysterious circumstances surrounding John Major's decision to lay down his Tory leadership and fight to get it back.

Like most of the political world Baroness Thatcher was shocked last June when John Major formally resigned as Tory leader and announced his intention to take on his foes in an early contest. It looked an astonishing gamble. The Prime Minister was giving his detractors the chance they longed for months earlier than he needed. He was putting his head on the block.

A feeling had been growing among MPs that Michael Heseltine was the man who might give them hope. Why did Major take the risk of being supplanted? And how did he engineer that some of those with the deepest doubts about his leadership, became so prominent in the campaign to re-elect him?

Lady Thatcher is known to have confided to one friend that there must be an unknown factor behind Mr Major's brave decision. That was also the suspicion of Westminster insiders as Mr Major launched his gambit and brilliantly pulled it off. They had to wait months before the first element that no one had known about emerged. Mr Heseltine revealed in an interview with *The Times* in December that he had been informally offered the job of deputy prime minister three weeks before Mr Major called the leadership election.

The interview disclosed that well before he made his move Mr Major had spoken of a significant promotion for the man who at the time was favourite to succeed him. Mr Major got Mr Heseltine on his side well in advance. Mr Heseltine told *The Times* that such a "Machiavellian interpretation" had not occurred to him. But to Westminster's cognoscenti Mr Heseltine's revelation was dynamite. Mr Major's renowned skills as a tactician of the highest order had again been proven. Mr Heseltine's motives in disclosing what until then had been secret were unclear. *The Times* has learnt, however, that he told some Tory MPs about the deal shortly before he revealed it in the interview. They had regarded the information as confidential and kept it to themselves.

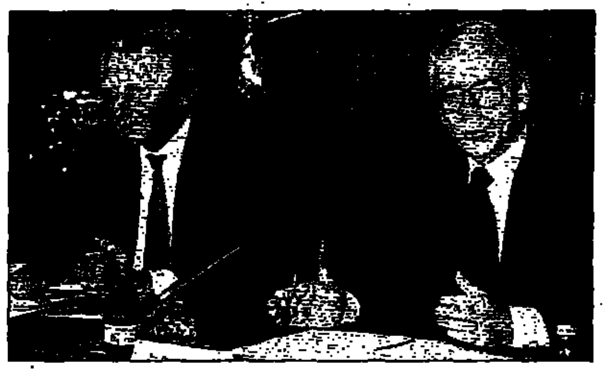
The second element in solving the mystery came during yesterday's disclosure about the current round of anti-Major plotting. Loyalist elders who are talking about replacing Mr Major with a compromise candidate, were following the same path then. Mr Heseltine was the name they kept coming back to on both occasions.

Some of the names that have been circulating over the last two days as people who were at the time openly canvassing the possibility of asking Mr Major to go are senior MPs who under any circumstances would be regarded as loyalist. They are categorised by their colleagues as the "born to rule" type Tories, the sort who in the end were happy to go along with the toppling of Lady Thatcher after supporting her strongly during her leadership.

MPs have told The Times that they were shocked by the "old school" Tories, from wealthy and landed families with historic connections with the party, who were putting out feelers last summer before Mr Major's counter-coup. They said that they were being sounded out about a "coalition around an idea" — code for a putsch.

Those hoping to get rid of Mr Major were banking on an autumn leadership contest. But he forced everyone to take sides and the "loyalists" had to stay loyal.

The Tories who were prepared last year to put their party before their leader are still around him. He has to rely on his skill in confounding their plots — a skill that no-one should minimise.


John Major with Michael Heseltine yesterday, the man Tories thought could give them hope

Top judge urges tough drink-drive penalties

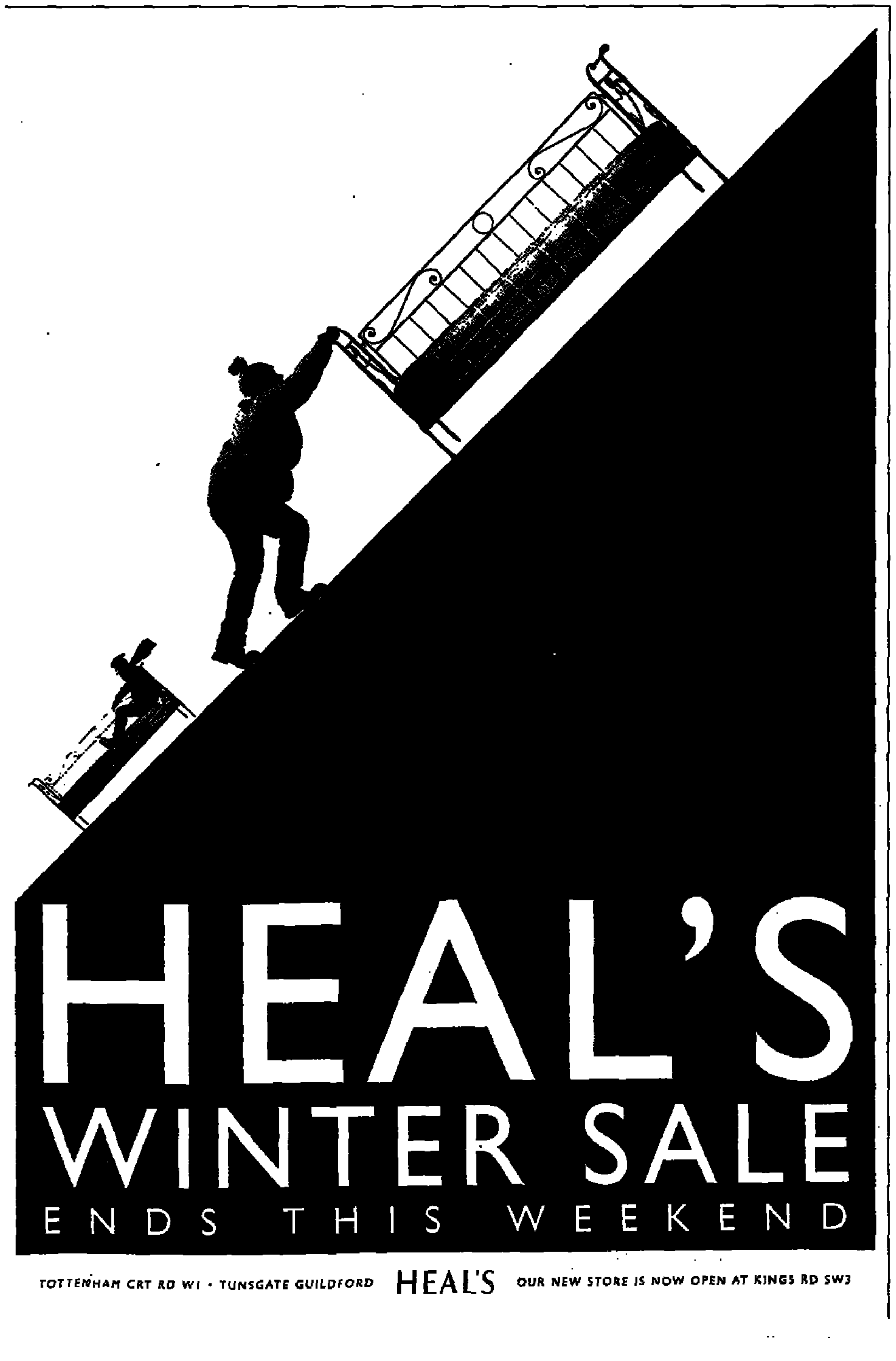
By Frances Gibb
Legal correspondent

THE Lord Chief Justice made clear yesterday that heavy drink-drivers should be jailed and he warned courts against following a judge's comment that to jail a man who was four times over the limit was "utterly inappropriate".

Lord Taylor of Gosforth issued his guidance to magistrates after a Court of Appeal ruling last summer in which Mr Justice Sachs quashed a two-month jail sentence and substituted a fine of £500.

Magistrates and justices' clerks expressed concern last week that the appeal court ruling could undermine their powers to jail drivers above the legal alcohol limits. Delivering judgment last August, Mr Justice Sachs said: "It can never be appropriate to send a man for this criminality, at the lower end of the scale as it is, to prison. There are other perfectly appropriate ways of dealing with people who drive with excess alcohol."

Yesterday Lord Taylor, sitting on another drink-driving appeal, said courts should not follow the observations in the case last summer.



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British children trailing in maths

By John O'Leary
Education editor

OVER-RELIANCE on calculators and too little attention to mental arithmetic are leaving British primary school children up to two years behind their Continental counterparts in mathematics, according to a report published today.

A study of textbooks and teaching methods in Britain, Germany and Switzerland found that British schools devote about half their mathematics lessons to arithmetic, compared with 80 per cent elsewhere in Europe. They also spend less time practising the basics.

The report, by Helvia Bierhoff, a German researcher, argues that the division of the national curriculum for mathematics into five areas prevents primary school teachers giving their pupils sufficient grounding in arithmetic. German and Swiss teachers spend up to five times as much class time on practice and consolidation before moving on to new topics. Continental teachers also rely more on textbooks, which have to be approved by the Government. Dr Bierhof says English schools are "reinventing the wheel" by producing their own schemes of work, which treat textbooks simply as one source of material.

Swiss teachers visiting British schools as part of the study by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research *found that ten-year-olds* were between one and two years behind Swiss pupils. Professor Sig Prais, the institute's head of research, said the findings demonstrated the urgency of new guidance on teaching mathematics in state schools.

Academics and politicians have been increasingly critical of school mathematics in recent months. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, is planning a network of regional centres to help primary schools to teach basic numeracy more effectively.

The report comes as the Government prepares to publish the results of the first national tests of 11-year-olds that are expected to confirm deficiencies in mathematics. Mrs Shephard has already ordered a calculator-free test this year and wants mental arithmetic to be tested separately in future.

Professor Margaret Brown, an academic from King's College London who chaired the Joint Mathematical Association last year, said Britain's international standing was often underestimated, but there were clear areas of weakness, especially in arithmetic. She said other international studies had shown British pupils near the average for Europe, but behind their counterparts in countries around the Pacific Rim.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Signs of life on distant planets

Two planets discovered circling distant stars might harbour life, but not as we know it, Paul Murdin, director of science at the British National Space Centre, said yesterday. Gravity would be so powerful that creatures living there would be "short and fat, not long and thin like us", he said after the announcement in Texas that two planets have been found where temperatures might be cool enough to allow liquid water to exist. One is in the Virgo constellation, the other in the Great Bear. Both appear to be large planets with big cores. The next step in the search for life would be to find evidence of oxygen in the atmosphere of planets elsewhere.

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Cardinal attacks divorce Bill

Cardinal Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, today adds his voice to opposition to the Lord Chancellor's divorce Bill, saying that further thought must be given to the issue of fault. Writing in *The Tablet*, the Roman Catholic weekly, he also argues that the Bill does not go far enough to underline the seriousness of breaking the marriage contract and doubts Lord MacKay of Clashfern's ability to predict the impact of his reforms.

Gulf cuts prices

Gulf Oil stepped into what it called the "savage and futile" pump price wars and cut the price of its unleaded petrol by 7p a litre. From midnight tonight, the highest price for a litre of unleaded fuel at Gulf's 500 service stations will fall to 56.9p. Esso triggered the latest forecourt battle by scrapping its Tiger tokens in favour of lower prices. Shell then cut its prices by up to 4.4p.

Ban escaped

MPs and motoring organisations criticised a court's decision not to disqualify the footballer Chris Armstrong for driving at 104mph. Armstrong, 24, of Chigwell, Essex, who plays for Tottenham Hotspur, told Telford magistrates it would cause him difficulty in getting to training sessions. He was fined £500, given six penalty points and ordered to pay £30 costs.

Defence order

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, confirmed yesterday that Land Rover has been given an order for 800 Army ambulances and 8,000 other military trucks that will safeguard more than 500 jobs in British industry. The ambulance contract was won after fierce competition from an Austrian company, Steyr Daimler Puch, which has got a £4 million order for trucks.

Potato crop fear

A potentially devastating crop disease has been detected in a consignment of imported Dutch seed potatoes, the Ministry of Agriculture has disclosed. The brown rot infection is spreading rapidly through potato farms in The Netherlands, from which British growers import 25 per cent of their early seed varieties. Once in the soil the infection is difficult to eliminate.

Ticket rethink

British Rail backed down in a dispute over passengers who, due to an anomaly, have been paying more for travelling one stop than for two stops. Passengers at Sevenoaks buying the cheaper fare faced a £10 penalty if they left the train at the first stop. But after intervention by the Rail Regulator, the South Eastern train company has told staff not to impose penalty fares.

‘She can write, she can draw but she does not use any of it in a permanent or stable way’

The naked truth shocks father of anti-car protester

By Stephen Farrell

Lucy Pearce back at her camp at Allercombe yesterday, having accepted a lift there in a journalist's car: "We have to get in one sometime"

THE roads protester who stripped naked in Coventry Cathedral is the daughter of a consultant metallurgist who specialises in metal forming — turning sheet metal into cars.

Roger Pearce did not recognise her from newspaper and television pictures until *The Times* yesterday broke the news that "Angel Koyanti" was his daughter Lucy, a drama graduate.

Mr Pearce, 70, from St Keverne, Cornwall, told how his 35-year-old daughter became a tepee-dwelling "eco warrior" prepared to daub herself in slogans before Prince Michael of Kent.

However, his first reaction was: "I have seen the lady's picture on the front page of the newspaper and it certainly is not Lucy." On being told that "Angel" gave police the name Lucy Pearce and spoke of graduating from Exeter University, he paused, consulted his wife Eileen, and said: "Oh dear, now I have looked at the picture again with Lucy's stepmother I have changed my mind. Without doubt it is Lucy Pearce. It never crossed my mind: nobody thinks their daughter is running naked out of Coventry Cathedral."

He last heard from her two days ago, when she sent a letter from the camp on the A30 outside Exeter where, under the tribal name Angel Quercus, she prepares to confront roadbuilders.

"I do not approve of fighting battles that you cannot win, and one of those is stopping people building roads when all the bureaucratic procedure has gone through and planning permission is granted," Mr Pearce said last night.

"Angel Koyanti" making her protest during the service on Wednesday to mark the car's centenary

Ms Pearce was born in North Hinksey, Oxfordshire. Her mother Gwendoline died of a fractured skull in a car crash in Bedfordshire in August 1965. Ms Pearce, the youngest of three children, was then five.

Mr Pearce said his daughter left Bedford High School after taking O levels in arts subjects then went to work for the Milton Keynes Development Corporation. She then became a gardener, training at Merrist Wood Agricultural College. It was there she became interested in drama.

She crammed, without a tutor, obtained an A level in English and won a place at Exeter University to study drama, graduating with a 2:1 in 1992.

Yesterday Ms Pearce set aside her deep beliefs for the sake of practicality and returned to her fellow demonstrators in a car. She arrived back at the protest site at Allercombe after accepting a lift in a journalist's car, saying: "Well, we have to get in one sometime."

She added: "This morning I went out and got all the papers to see what they made of me. They don't seem to understand I was emulating Lady Godiva or what the protest was really about. They just wanted to show my body.

"Everyone wants to know about my mother dying and my nephew having asthma but it's about much more than that. My mother did die in a car crash when I was five but it is not something I really want to talk about, though I suppose it must have something to do with it all.

"I suppose I have been an environmentalist ever since I can remember. I always felt this way, regardless of what was happening in my personal life.

"My nephew's situation does worry me, though. Even the Government's Chief Medical Officer has admitted car pollution is a secondary cause of breathing difficulties. During the hot summer we were all advised it was dangerous for asthmatic children to go outside because of the high levels of pollution. How would you like to tell your child he can't run outside because of the car?"

Mr Pearce said of his daughter: "She's a very bright girl, but she is not doing the sort of things that elderly fathers think their daughters should do. I think she became an activist when she went to Exeter. It was in her make-up. She was a mature student so it was very easy for her to get involved or even be the ringleader of certain left-wing activities, although left-wing is not quite the right word.

"We went to talk to her lecturers and I remember one of them said to me, 'What's it like having a rebel for a daughter?' I said, 'I don't know, it is just nice to have a nice daughter'.

"She can write, she can draw but she does not use any of it in any permanent or stable way. She gets swept into demonstrations and to go off and live in benders, which I understand are wicker igloos.

"However, there has never been any anger here. She, Eileen and I have always been a happy family. I've told her several times that I thought someone having a 2:1 from Exeter ought to do something more useful than living off the State and fighting battles she couldn't win, but she said, 'Don't get on at me, Dad'."

Last night an acquaintance from Exeter said he was not surprised at the naked protest. "She has always been quite active in roads issues," John Primrose, a drama department technician, said. "She wasn't disruptive but she was a believer."

Lorry driver ‘moved papergirl's bicycle’ after hit and run death

By Richard Duce

THE driver of a lorry that struck a girl on her paper round early yesterday is believed to have climbed down from his cab to move her bicycle before driving off. Amy Durling, 15, of Herne Bay, Kent, died from her injuries.

Witnesses have given police a description of the articulated lorry thought to have entered the country via Ramsgate. Two paramedics who saw the incident, Graham Palmer and a woman colleague, tried to tend to Amy but her injuries were so serious that she was certified dead on arrival at hospital.

Kent police said: "It is proving very difficult finding out exactly what happened because eye witnesses are so shocked. Witnesses have told us that the lorry was travelling in convoy with another truck. Both are thought to have foreign registration plates.

Amy: died from injuries

"We have been in contact with the ports and local transport companies and given them a description of the vehicle." Police will issue leaflets to freight drivers at Ramsgate and Dover today and will be stopping drivers at the scene to establish if they recall seeing anything at the time of the accident.

The lorry, and one following behind, both had yellow cabs and blue trailers. They are thought to have been travelling to London or the M25.

Kent ambulance service said the two paramedics had seen the accident at around 7.30am at the Greenhill roundabout on the A299. Amy, a pupil at Herne Bay High School and who lived near the scene of the incident, had collided with the lorry and skidded under its wheels.

Danny O'Donovan, her head teacher, said: "She was a very caring girl who loved working with children. Her most recent work placement had been at a nursery and I know her ambition was one day to go into nursing."

Amy's father Steven, 41, and mother Angela, 39, and her three sisters are being comforted by relatives. Mr Durling, a British Gas engineer, has been told by police that the driver of the truck stopped and jumped out to pull away Amy's bicycle before speeding off. Mr Durling said he began to get worried when Amy had not returned home from her paper round. He contacted the newsagent, who also said that she had not come back.

Mr Durling drove off in search of his daughter. He said: "I came across the accident and could not see anything. Then I noticed some newspapers scattered around on the ground. I did not want to put two and two together. We adored her and can't believe she has gone."

Jobless typist loses his sex bias case

By Paul Wilkinson

A HIGHLY skilled male typist lost his fight yesterday to prove sexual discrimination by a secretarial recruitment agency. He claimed the agency had refused to find him work because he was a man.

Alan Robinson, 30, a bachelor, who was supported by the Equal Opportunities Commission, claimed Office Angels failed to contact him after an interview at its Leeds office, even though it had said qualified typists were "like gold dust".

He told the industrial tribunal in Leeds that he was also refused a typing test by the company because he was a man.

Mr Robinson, unemployed, from Quarmby, near Huddersfield, had typing qualifications that included a distinction in one exam. However, he failed to include the qualifications on his application form. Office Angels staff told the tribunal that it was standard procedure not to give a typing test to applicants for a permanent post. The firm also insisted that Mr Robinson was sent three letters after his interview in July last year — two of them about a job at Midland Bank.

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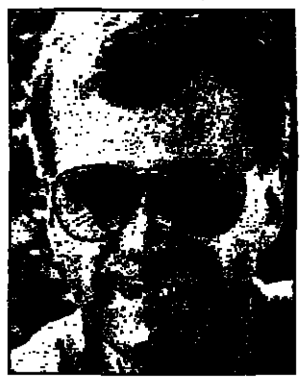

Monaghan: rang wife

Fears rise for missing rail chief

By Jonathan Prynn

CONCERN was growing last night for the safety of one of Britain's most senior rail executives. Peter Monaghan, 48, who is responsible for running the 14 biggest stations on the network, disappeared from his home in Solihull, West Midlands, ten days ago.

He was last seen by his wife Glenne when he left for work in London at 7am on January 9. He rang her later that day to say he was going to a meeting and has not been seen since. Mrs Monaghan will appear on television this morning to appeal for information.

Police said his Rover was parked at Birmingham International station. No money had been withdrawn from his bank account.

Bacharach and Como conquer techno generation

By Dominic Kennedy

YOUNG people are turning their backs on techno, garage and house music in favour of tunes their grandparents loved. It has become cool to don evening dress, drink cocktails and dance to The Sandpipers' *Guantanamera* beneath a glittering mirror ball.

The nation's youth is switching to Radio 2 and flocking to nightclubs to hear records by Serge Gainsbourg, who with Jane Birkin sang the 1960s' *Je T'Aime*, as an easy listening revival sweeps a generation.

Penny Feuer of A&M Records, whose imminent compilation of Burt Bacharach hits, *The Look of Love*, is praised by *DJ*, the club magazine, said: "It is a step away from the whole drug culture thing and dancing maniacally. People could be tired of going to clubs where it is just loud music. They can actually talk to each other.

"People go in gold lamé and evening dresses and things they have borrowed from their mums' wardrobes because you are going to look better dancing in a swirling dress."

Middle-of-the-road radio stations are winning listeners fastest among the under-25s. Bill Morris, head of Radio 2 music department, said: "There is a group of younger people who are with great relish rediscovering Nat King Cole, Matt Monro, Frank Sinatra and the classic musicals."

The main stars of the revival are the bandleaders Herb Alpert and Ray Conniff, Liza Minnelli, Paul Williams, the singer of *Just An Old Fashioned Love Song*, and B. J. Thomas, who sang *Rain Drops Keep Falling on My Head*.

Nightclubs leading the cult include World of Cheese in Bristol, Swinging Safari in north London, Indigo in the West End and the City CHEESE club in Chancery Lane, central London, which tomorrow night will feature Perry Como, Tom Jones and Olivia Newton John.

Disc jockeys can fill dance floors by playing advertising jingles and television theme songs massively amplified through nightclub speaker systems. *Match of the Day* is a particular crowd-pleaser.

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Transplant man given cancerous kidney

By Russell Jenkins

HOSPITAL staff committed a series of blunders when they transplanted a cancerous kidney into a patient and then failed to rectify their mistake, a High Court judge said yesterday.

Doctors failed to warn Peter Sumner, 51, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex, early enough of the risk that the kidney was cancerous and should be removed.

Mr Sumner, who is claiming substantial damages from Brighton Health Authority, believed he was dying until the cancer went into unexpected remission.

Mr Justice Collins, who will announce the amount of damages next week, was highly critical of staff at Royal Sussex County Hospital.

He said: "They could not really have made greater blunders in the way they treated him once they realised that they had put in a potentially cancerous kidney, even if they meant well. They clearly treated him very badly. There is no question about that."

The health authority has conceded that it should have warned him of the cancer risk earlier and recommended removal of the organ.

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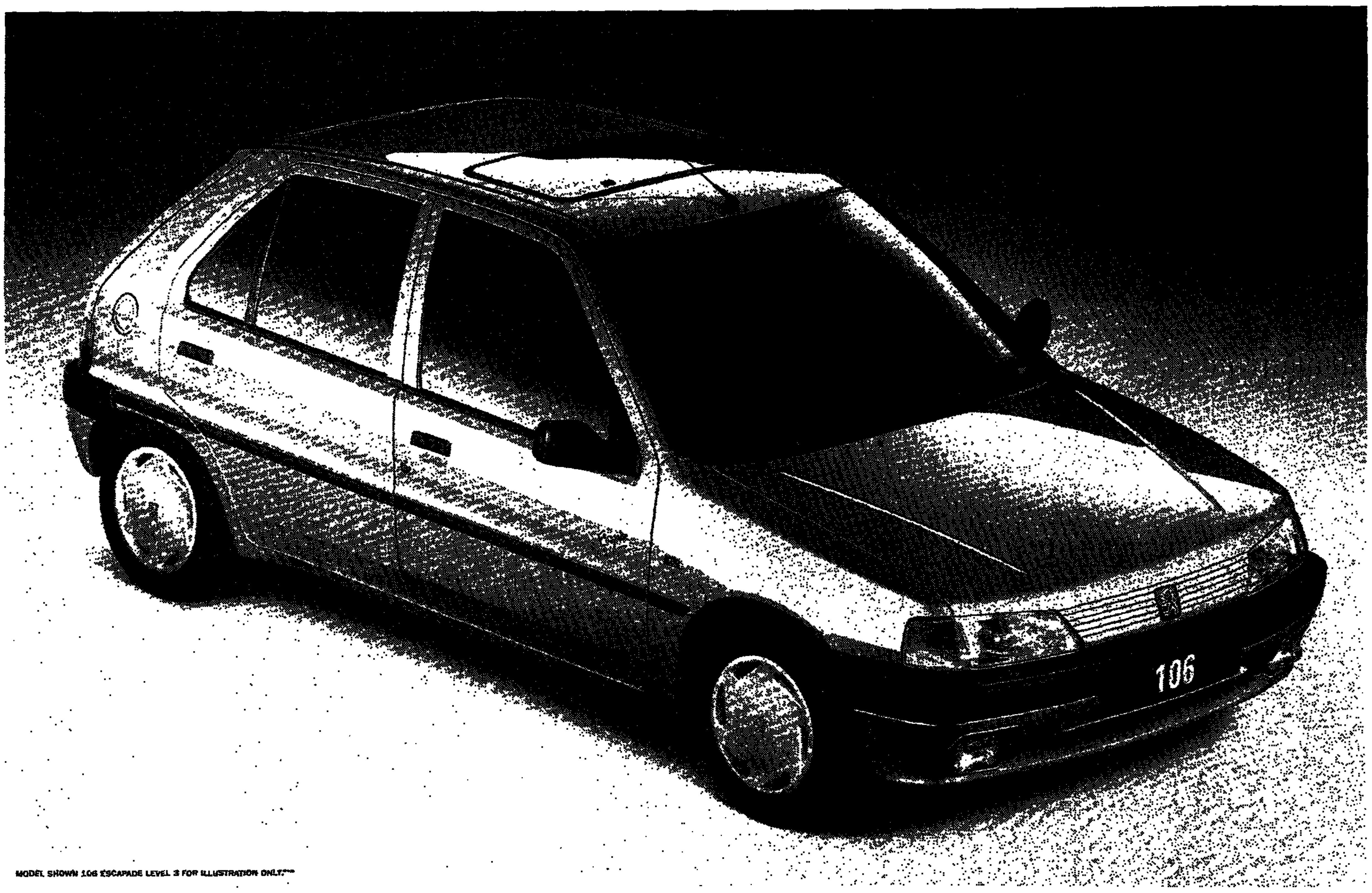

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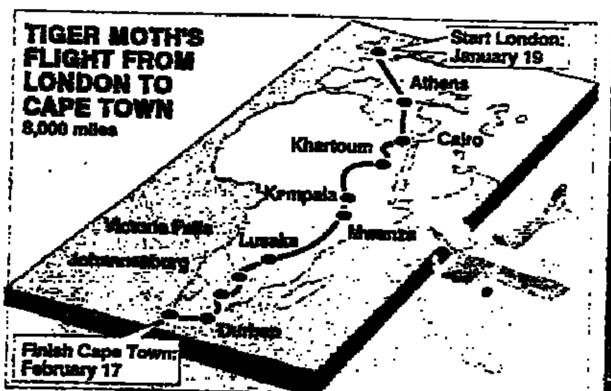

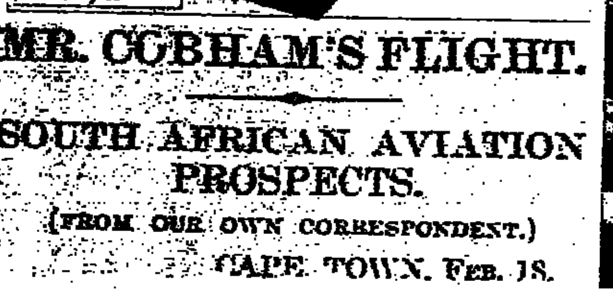

MR. COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

SOUTH AFRICAN AVIATION PROSPECTS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CAPE TOWN, FEB. 18.

David Belcliffe, left, and Tony Richards in a Tiger Moth, left. They will have to make 52 stops on their copycat flight of the pioneering 1926 trip to Cape Town, reported in *The Times*, by Alan Cobham, right

London fog ruins Tiger Moth's flying start on African jaunt

By Robin Young

TWO pilots due to take off on an epic re-enactment of the first flight from London to South Africa were foiled yesterday by the British weather. While they should have been heading south to the sun, thick fog shrouded the airfield, completely obscuring the runway.

Tony Richards and David Belcliffe still hope to get Skippy, their 60-year-old Tiger Moth, airborne today or tomorrow in time to complete their 8,000-mile flight to Cape Town by February 17. That is the date on which Alan Cobham, who pioneered their route 70 years ago, touched down in 1926.

Cobham's purpose was to prove that flights between Britain and South Africa were a commercial possibility, and his success opened the way for mail flights and later the Imperial Airways route to South Africa. The idea of recreating the flight originated when Dirk Ackerman, managing director of South African airports, was taken for a flight in Skippy last year. The plane, kept at the headquarters of the Tiger Club at Headcorn, Kent, is usually employed on demonstration flights and flying lessons.

The two-seater Tiger Moth has a range of little more than 200 miles, and will have to make 52 stops on its journey, even more than Cobham required when making his flight in a larger and more powerful DH60. When obliged to land where airfields no longer exist, the two pilots aim to camp overnight.

"Nobody has done a flight like this for 50 years," Mr Belcliffe said yesterday. "Nowadays pilots fly over Africa, not through it. We will be showing the flag in places that have not had an aviation visitor for years." Skippy will fly through Europe to Africa, following the Nile south and then through Kenya, and Zimbabwe to South Africa.

The principal alterations from Cobham's original route are a deviation skirting southern Sudan, where authorities warned that conflict on the border with Uganda had to be avoided, and in South Africa, where Skippy will land at a series of airports undreamt of when Cobham flew.

"In Europe the challenge will be the weather and taking an old aircraft through modern facilities," said Mr Belcliffe, 39, an airport consultant. "In Africa we will be landing at places without any regular aviation support, and in South Africa the problem will be avoiding the cocktail parties." Mr Richards, 30, his co-pilot and manager of the Tiger Club, said the couple would take it in turns to pilot from the back seat. "The front-seat instrumentation has been taken out to make room for an extra fuel tank so the man in the front has the maps and navigates."

They will report their progress by satellite telephone and fax to British schools and universities.

Duchess drops Concorde for first-class trip

By Emma Wilkins

THE Duchess of York flew to America yesterday on a combined business and pleasure trip as concern grew over how she will meet debts of up to £3 million.

The Duchess, who will attend a fundraising dinner in Connecticut tomorrow for her charity Chances for Children, reacted swiftly to the message from Buckingham Palace that she can expect no financial support from the Queen.

Abandoning her plan to fly by Concorde (the fare to New York costs £5,000 return) the Duchess booked first-class seats, costing £4,256, on a subsonic British Airways flight to Washington.

The Duchess is taking her daughters, the Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, on the trip. The royal party, including the children's nanny, is expected to stay at the Carlyle Hotel in New York, where suites cost between $500 and $1,500 (£1,100) a night.

A spokeswoman for the Duchess said that she was setting a precedent by not claiming back any expenses from the charity. The Duchess founded Chances for Children just over a year ago as the American arm of her British charity Children in Crisis.

"The Duchess is entitled to claim expenses for herself but she will be meeting those costs, and those of the princesses and their nanny herself," the spokeswoman said.

She declined to say how the Duchess proposed to pay back her debts, which are reported to be about £3 million. If the estimates are accurate, the Duchess's overdraft at Coutts bank is costing about £1,700 a day in interest charges.

The Duchess will attend a board meeting of her charity in New York on Monday. She would also be carrying out her own business, seeing friends, "and I suppose shopping", the spokeswoman said.

☐ Sir David Steel, a Privy Counsellor and former leader of the Liberal Party, suggested yesterday that junior members of the Royal Family might lose their titles on divorce. Titles had to be earned rather than bestowed automatically, he said.

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Big spenders who need treatment

MEDICAL BRIEFING

THERE is doubt about the exact amount of the Duchess of York's debts, but general agreement that she overspends to a degree that is unusual. The question is whether such behaviour is not only unusual but so abnormal as to be the symptom of a recognisable psychiatric condition.

Extravagant spending can be a symptom of mood disorder, either manic or hypomanic behaviour, or conversely of mild depression. About 20 years ago I was asked to see as an emergency a banker whose behaviour was making his colleagues concerned. When I asked the banker what his troubles were, he rushed me out to the car park and, laughing, flung open his boot and car doors to reveal a vehicle loaded to the roof with *objets d'art* and knick-knacks. Before seeing me he had visited Portobello Road in London and in a couple of hours had spent £10,000-plus, probably more than his annual pay.

The rest of his behaviour — his restlessness, euphoria, rapid and continous speech and inflated self-esteem — made a diagnosis of mania obvious. The buying spree was merely additional evidence.

Full-blown mania such as this is easy to diagnose; more difficult are cases where the patient is hypomanic, a far more minor version of the same condition. The only clues may be overactivity, frequently described as bubbliness, with over-grandiose and over-expansive behaviour of which injudicious spending may be a part.

On the other hand, slightly depressed patients can cheer up themselves by undertaking what they may now call shopping therapy.

Spending tens of thousands on redecorating a rented house could be an example of behaviour by someone who is slightly hypomanic or minimally depressed, but it could also be a feature of what is called disorder of impulse control. A sufferer is unable to resist the temptation to carry out some antisocial or damaging act whether it be gambling, shopping or travelling, which is known as vagabond neurosis. Today not all vagabonds are poor; they can be rich and fly from resort to resort. These patients are restless and unhappy before they give way to their compulsion, and feel at ease once the objective has been achieved.

The Duchess of York's own opinion on her financial problems should not be overlooked. She has frequently said that she spends only to give her children what she considers a suitable upbringing. Having had a rather tumultuous early life herself and then having separated from her husband, she may be seeking to give her daughters the superficial security provided by servants, luxurious surroundings and frequent travel.

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Antibiotic linked to arthritis and liver damage

Acne treatment blamed for deaths of two women

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Correspondent

AN ACNE treatment taken by 200,000 teenagers can cause severe arthritis and damage the liver and lungs, doctors said yesterday. Minocycline, the most popular anti-acne drug in Britain, has caused two deaths and at least 24 other serious reactions. One patient needed a liver transplant.

More than 800,000 prescriptions for minocycline were issued last year, most of them to acne sufferers. The drug, an antibiotic, needs to be taken long term and most patients have repeat prescriptions every three months. It is more popular than other equally effective antibiotics because it is taken only once a day, but it is up to ten times more expensive.

The alarm was raised by doctors at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, who noted that a series of young women seeking arthritis treatment at the rheumatology clinic were also taking minocycline for acne. When they stopped taking the drug, the arthritis disappeared.

The observations triggered a research study led by Professor Paul Emery, now of Leeds University, the results of which are published in the *British Medical Journal*. Seven patients taking minocycline have been identified since 1990 with signs of systemic lupus erythematosus, an auto-immune disease which causes severe arthritis. Some of the patients also had liver inflammation. All recovered when the drug was stopped.

A further 11 cases of severe arthritis and 16 cases of severe hepatitis (inflammation of the liver) have been reported to the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the Government's adviser. Three quarters of the victims were women and two died from liver failure.

Professor Emery said there was no reason to withdraw the drug but patients should be monitored for signs of reaction. "The problem can be spotted with blood tests. If patients on the drug develop unusual symptoms they should consult their doctor and have a blood test. The symptoms may be as vague as a general malaise. It is up to the Committee on Safety of Medicines whether there should be a legal requirement for blood testing.

"No one need stop taking the drug," Professor Emery said. "The important thing is that people know about these extremely rare but serious side effects so that they can look out for them. All our patients improved with cessation of the drug."

An editorial in the *BMJ* says that minocycline has also been linked with lung damage and leaves blue-black deposits in the skin, nails and teeth of some patients. It recommends that patients try tetracycline or oxytetracycline first, which "will be cheaper and perhaps safer".

Dr Celia Moss, consultant dermatologist at Birmingham Children's Hospital and joint author of the editorial, said: "I have never found any need to prescribe minocycline."

Severe acne may be treated with isotretinoin, a drug related to vitamin A. It is extremely effective but is prescribed only by hospitals because patients have to be monitored. The drug can cause liver damage and foetal abnormalities, so female patients must use contraception.

OUT, DAMNED SPOT

More than £90,000 a day is spent on soaps, creams and gels in the quest for a spot-free skin. Acne can affect the back and chest but it is the facial spots that cause most distress. They often occur in adolescence and can lead to unhappiness and self-loathing.

New treatments and growing recognition of the damage that untreated acne can do has improved the response from GPs, whose favoured remedy used to be fresh air and avoiding food such as chocolates and chips in favour of fruit. There is no evidence that diet affects acne but sex hormones do, which is why its peak occurrence is at puberty.

Almost all adolescents will have a few spots at some time, but 15 per cent suffer badly enough to require treatment. The cause is overproduction of sebum, a greasy substance that clogs the pores. Normally harmless bacteria on the skin's surface multiply within the plugged pore, producing large spots.

The most effective lotions available over the counter are those containing benzoyl peroxide, which lessens the greasiness. Antibiotics such as tetracycline work by reducing skin bacteria and inflammation. Improvement may not be apparent for several months. Doctors may also prescribe retinoic acid, a vitamin A derivative rubbed on the skin, or antimicrobial treatments.

PAUL ASHTON

The surviving Venezuelan passion flower, which was grown to maturity by the botanist John Vanderplank

Passion flower escapes bulldozers

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

A BRITISH botanist has learnt to his delight, and some alarm, that he is the possessor of the world's last specimen of the Venezuelan passion flower.

Developers have obliterated all traces of the flower, *Passiflora lourdesae*, in its only wild habitat on the edge of the mist-wreathed forests of the Lower Andes about 150 miles from Caracas.

Four years ago, anticipating the disaster, Miguel Molinari, a Venezuelan GP and amateur naturalist, sent seeds and cuttings of the flower to dozens of botanists in the United States and Europe in the hope of ensuring its preservation. The only survivor is to be found in the distinctly untropical setting of Kingston Seymour, Avon, where John Vanderplank has successfully nurtured a single flower to maturity.

"This plant appears to be the only one of its kind in existence," said Mr Vanderplank, who runs the National Collection of Passiflora. "It was discovered in the wild only in the last five years and there are no others in botanical collections."

In Venezuela, Dr Molinari said yesterday: "I am so happy that John has grown this plant. Nobody here cares about plants, animals or the environment. A few people are interested in preserving nature but most people want to just keep on building."

Mr Vanderplank has taken five cuttings from the pinkisk-mauve plant and hopes to fly to Venezuela with a young plant in the next 18 months. He also hopes to supply Kew and other botanical gardens with specimens. His collection, which he funds himself, includes 200 of the world's 400 known species of passion flower. Jim Keesing, a scientist at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, said: "We would be extremely happy to have a cutting. If John says this is the only one, then it is. He is the leading expert in his field."

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Newbury camps get benefits by post

By Tim Jones

POSTMEN delivered unemployment benefit cheques yesterday to demonstrators in makeshift camps near the site of the planned Newbury bypass in Berkshire.

The Post Office said it was obliged to deliver once protesters had registered their camps and provided a post box. The Employment Department said it was bound by the same rules to send cheques to the addresses provided. The cheques will continue to be sent if those in the camps can satisfy the authorities they are actively seeking work.

Eric Forth, the Employment Minister, has said his officials may use any evidence, including newspaper and television pictures, to determine if protesters are making themselves available for work. He said some had already been refused benefits because they did not meet the criteria.

Yesterday, as the protest entered its tenth day, investigators working for the security firm filmed protesters trying to halt the felling of trees. They concentrated on those who had climbed trees. The film may be passed to the Employment Department.

At a news conference in Newbury, the heads of six environmental organisations, including Greenpeace and the Worldwide Fund for Nature, said people should turn their attention away from the skirmishes between police and protesters and focus on the wider environmental issues and the damage the road would cause.

Bank staff suspended over leak on lottery

By Leyla Linton

BARCLAYS Bank has suspended three of its staff after allegations that they leaked the name of a National Lottery winner to the press.

It is believed that they saw the £14,002,870 Camelot cheque being processed at the main Barclays clearing centre in Northampton and passed details of a Chinese man's identity to *The Sun*.

The staff, from the office at Brackmills, Northampton, were at home on full pay yesterday as Barclays started an investigation. If found at fault, they could be sacked.

Nick Cobban, a spokesman for Barclays, said: "We treat any breach of confidentiality extremely seriously."

Camelot's Royal Bank of Scotland cheque was made out to one of three winners who shared the lottery's £42 million double rollover jackpot two weeks ago. He had requested no publicity.

A spokesman for the National Lottery said: "Security and confidentiality are paramount. We expect all companies who come into contact with lottery winners to respect that."

John Carlisle, Tory MP for Luton North, said: "It is imperative that banks do not reveal the names of customers in any circumstances, not just National Lottery winners. Perhaps we should look at legislation to make breaches like this a criminal offence."

☐ This week's estimated National Lottery rollover jackpot has been revised to £23 million, Camelot said last night.

Maxwell jury sets retirement record

By Michael Horsnell

THE Maxwell fraud trial has broken the record for the longest retirement by a jury. The seven women and five men have spent 11 nights in a secret hotel.

Yesterday was the third consecutive day on which the jury trying the sons of the late Robert Maxwell was forced to suspend its deliberations because of sickness. Two members were too ill to continue and none of the 12 was required to attend Chichester Rents, the Old Bailey annexe where the trial began on May 31 last year.

Health problems arose late on Monday when a doctor was called in to examine six jurors complaining of chest infections. On Tuesday, after 47 hours of deliberation, Lord Justice Phillips told the jury that the illnesses had been brought on by being cooped up in unhealthy conditions, ordered humidifiers for its room and suggested regular walks.

The jury will continue its deliberations today, the 131st day of the trial, if its members are fit enough. Although they have not yet deliberated for a record time, the time they have spent in retirement is a record.

Previously, the longest Old Bailey case is thought to have been in April 1982 when the jury trying the murder of Terry May spent eight nights in an hotel, including the Easter weekend, and 56 hours 37 minutes deliberating.

Robert Maxwell's two youngest sons, Kevin, 36, and Ian, 39, and the former Maxwell aide Larry Trachtenberg, 42, deny conspiracy to defraud the pension fund by misusing £22 million worth of shares in the Israeli chemical company Teva.

Kevin Maxwell alone denies a similar charge of conspiring with his father to similarly misuse £100 million worth of shares in Scitex, another Israeli company. In both cases, brought by the Serious Fraud Office, the prosecution alleges the shares belong to the pensioners and not to the Maxwells.

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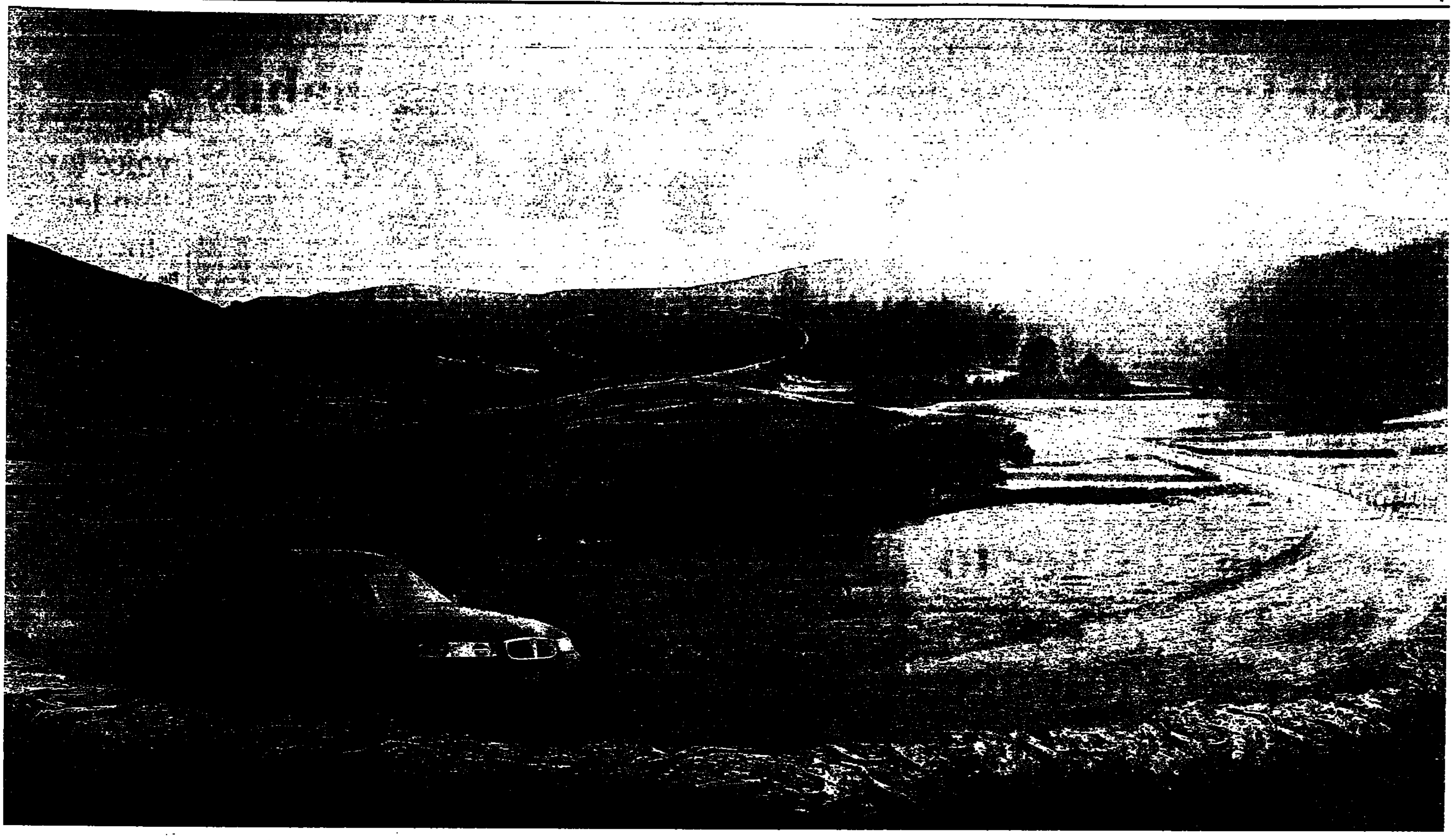

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'Peter Pans' trapped in an age of criminal habits

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

YOUNG men are failing to grow up until their mid-twenties, prolonging their criminal careers, according to the Home Office. Research published yesterday says that there is a danger that young men who fail to find employment risk drifting into a type of perpetual adolescence.

The first national study of young people and crime, involving 1,721 people aged 14 to 25, found that the maturing process did not influence men to stop offending and that there was little evidence that young male offenders developed a moral conscience.

It also confirmed the apparent link between family structure and crime: young people living with both natural parents are less likely to offend than those living with one parent or in a step-family.

Young People and Crime suggests parental training with special emphasis on preparation for young fatherhood, and encouragement to men to support young adult males in the community and provide responsible role models.

Although women offend less as they grow older, men do not and their participation in property crime actually increases. "The notion that young people 'grow out' of crime is an oversimplification, at least for young males," the study says.

"Many young people, even by their mid-twenties, have still not completed the transition to a fully independent adult life." It adds that this development applies particularly to men, who lag behind young women in virtually every area of social development.

"More than twice as many women as men aged 24 to 25 meet their own domestic responsibilities, including food shopping, washing up, cleaning their rooms, making beds and washing clothes. "Males are less likely than their female counterparts to achieve the independence, responsibility and maturity associated with adulthood by the age of 25. They tend, even by the age of 24 to 25, to be dependent rather than independent, to have an absence of responsibility for themselves and others and to remain with their family of origin rather than forming a family of their own."

The authors highlight the profound effects on the present generation of the delay in starting work. The study found that 27 per cent of men aged 22 to 25 were involved in property crime compared with 3 per cent of women in the same age group.

Thirty-one per cent of men aged 22 to 25 were involved in general crime, excluding drug offences, compared with o 22 per cent of women of the same age.

One in two males and one in three females admitted to committing an offence at some time, while in 1992, the year study was carried out, one in four males and one in eight females had committed a crime. Three per cent of offenders accounted for approximately 25 per cent of all offences.

Young women aged 14 to 17 are nearly as likely as males to be involved in offending, but as they mature their criminal activity declines sharply in comparison to that of men.

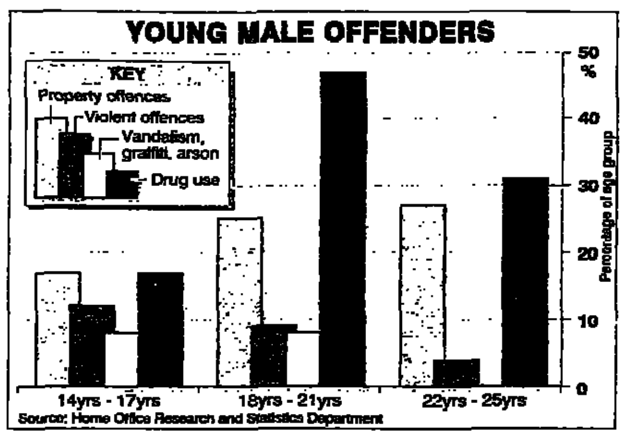
The study found that drug use among young people is widespread: every other male and every third female admitted having used drugs at some stage in the lives.

The peak age of offending by young people is 21 for males and 16 for females. The most common age for starting to offend is between 13 and 14.

The most common offences committed by young people are shoplifting and handling stolen goods and, for young males, fighting in a public place.

Young Asians are less likely to commit offences or use drugs than young whites and Afro-Caribbeans.

☐ *Young People and Crime* (Home Office)



Source: Home Office Research and Statistics Department

Increasing anxiety over attacks 'must outweigh' concern about effects on health

Frontline police to use CS sprays in face of violence

By Stewart Tendler
crime correspondent

CS SPRAYS will be issued to 2,500 frontline police next month to protect them from attack after chief constables yesterday approved a six-month trial.

Training and written guidance will emphasise they should use the sprays only where they face violence justifying its use. Each officer will have to defend his decision as "reasonable force".

The sprays send out a jet of CS to a range of three metres which instantly give the attacker streaming eyes, sneezing and other unpleasant sensations. These will last for some minutes during which time police will be able to disarm and arrest the suspect. The French-made sprays cost about £3 each.

Yesterday, after the trials were ratified at a national meeting of chief constables, Jim Sharples, Chief Constable of Merseyside, and president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said there was unanimous support among all 43 forces in England and Wales to arm officers with an incapacitator. The sprays would fill the gap between the baton and the general issue of guns. Sixteen forces will take part in the trial.

David Maclean, the Home Office Minister responsible for the police, said the best available equipment must be given to officers who could face attack. "The health effects of CS have been thoroughly researched to the level which would be required for a pharmaceutical drug. This has established that CS presents no significant risk to human health," he said.

Yesterday Tony Burden, Chief Constable of Gwent and chairman of a chief constables' committee on police self-defence policy, said police accepted there were health concerns about the spray but the need to protect officers from the increasing level of attack had to outweigh those anxieties. Officers in his force were already being attacked with CS sprays illegally brought into Britain.

Last year plans for the trials were halted after a London police inspector had his eyes temporarily damaged during a training session. Last week the officer told a police magazine that he felt the police should approach using the spray with caution.

Mr Burden said research showed that such incidents could be avoided by proper training and aftercare. He acknowledged that the solvent used in sprays could cause eye difficulties and skin blistering but copious use of water would case the damage.

Mr Burden said every officer armed with the spray would carry a card with details of how to care for somebody sprayed with CS. Instructions would also go with anyone taken to hospital so that a casualty unit would have the best advice on treatment.

☐ The chief constables' council endorsed plans to reorganise the regional crime squads into a national squad devoted to fighting organised and international crime. The National Criminal Intelligence Service will remain a separate entity.

The police will also campaign for changes in the Security Services Bill so that when MI5 starts to work on organised crime it will be legally accountable and police will be in overall charge.

HOW IT WORKS

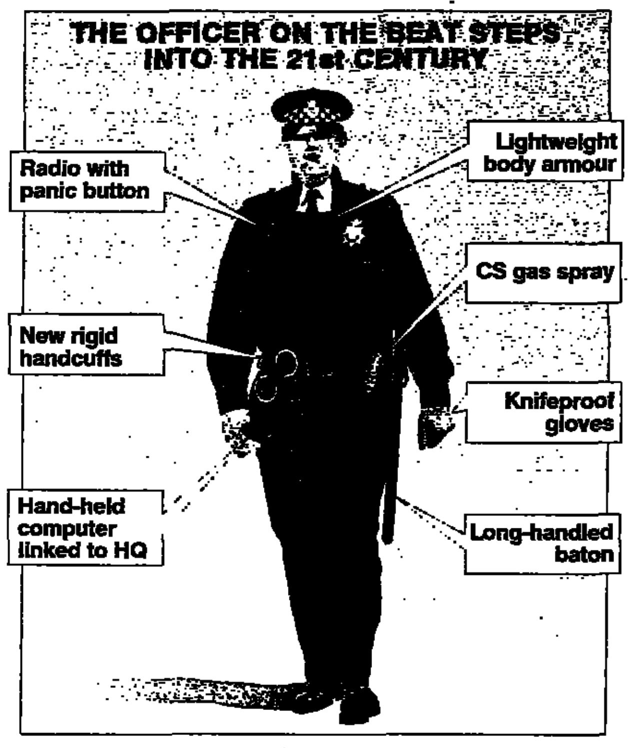
CS is not a gas, but a white crystalline solid that is dissolved in a solvent. When sprayed from an aerosol, the solvent evaporates, leaving a fine dispersion of CS particles.

When inhaled, the particles effect the sensory receptors in the skin and eyes and the lining membranes of the nose, mouth, respiratory and gastrointestinal tract. The effects are immediate and unpleasant. As well as causing the eyes to water profusely and close involuntarily, it causes a burning sensation in the nose and throat, excessive nasal secretion and salivation, burning in the chest, coughing, retching and a stinging sensation on the skin.

CS was synthesised in 1928 by two British chemists, B. B. Carson and R. W. Staughton, and named after the initial letters of their surnames. It is about five times as powerful as the older tear gas.

ROBIN MAYES

Jim Sharples, left, and Tony Burden, Chief Constables of Merseyside and Gwent respectively, with the spray



Fighting crime in tomorrow's world

POLITICIANS and senior police are seeking new clothing and equipment to combat the attacks that injure about 18,000 officers a year and have killed 11 since 1990 (Stewart Tendler writes).

In 1829 the first police had a top hat reinforced with leather, a rattle to raise the alarm and a short truncheon. Today some are already protected by bulletproof vests and knifeproof gloves, and in the 21st century they may be equipped with a hand-held computer.

Chief constables are studying new styles of clothing to replace the serge tunic, such as a blouson-style top. The traditional helmet was abandoned in Scotland long ago and England and Wales may adopt the peaked cap. Officers wear bulletproof vests to patrol some areas of the North East. Scotland Yard is about to start trials of a lightweight bulletproof and knifeproof vest under clothing. There are gloves, resembling chainmail, which can grasp a blade without injury.

The traditional truncheon is being replaced by long batons, including a 26in telescopic version, developed from man-made materials. New handcuffs with a rigid bar between the cuffs allow officers to keep better control of prisoners. Radios with a panic button are also being issued.

Police are developing a radio network with hand-held computers to send messages and provide information on the spot.

Football makes big pitch for women fans

By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent

WOMEN football supporters are being encouraged to go to European championship games in England this summer with a series of advertisements in women's magazines.

The campaign, which is supported by Terry Venables, the England coach, has used three women football fans rather than models. Ailsa Park, 21, a distant relative of Sir Bobby and Jack Charlton, is pictured with the words: "How can I lie back and think of England when Venables has not finalised the squad?"

Ms Park, a Stockport County supporter, said: "I loved the idea of the campaign from the start. It positions women in a more serious way. There are too many of my friends who are put off going to watch a match because they think it is more of a man's thing. The opportunity to challenge some of the myths was great."

Another advert says: "You'd rather spend next June going to see football than going on holiday? I don't believe it. He said." The third reads: "I fancy the Italians because in Ravanelli and Zola you have a proven strike force working in front of a fluid 4-4-2 formation."

The publicity campaign is trying to build on the number of women who watch football. A survey at the start of the season found that women make up 12 per cent of the spectators at Premiership fixtures.

Organisers of the 16-nation European championship, the biggest sports event in Britain since the 1966 World Cup, have already sold to the domestic market 440,000 of the 1.3 million seats, with only a handful of tickets left for England's games. The Football Association wants to ensure that all the other matches in the 23-day tournament are sold out.

Helen Willis, the FA's marketing co-ordinator and a Manchester United fan, said: "More women are going to football. All-seater stadiums make going to the ground more fun and exciting for women. Women who go to matches are no longer there because they have been dragged along by their boyfriends. They are there because they want to be. And it is women who bring the families along so, the more women we get to games, the more families we get."

David Davies, the FA's director of public affairs, said: "Much has been written about bringing families back to football. Families never went to football, only fathers and sons. It is our job to attract families, so women have to be a target to broaden our audience."

The 31-game championship, which will be televised in 130 countries, is already assured of being more profitable than any sports event staged in Britain. The television rights have been sold to the European Broadcasting Union for £44 million and the primary sponsorship and television rights for the rest of the world for £24.4 million.

Seeing is believing: one of the advertisements

Supermarkets salute Burns Night

ALL the larger supermarkets, in England and Wales as well as Scotland, will be offering haggis this weekend, ready for Burns Night next Thursday.

At Waitrose a 450g prepacked haggis (£1.99) is available throughout the year, but orders for 3lb (£5.95) and 5lb (£9.85) versions are being accepted at delicatessen counters until Monday. Safeway offers a Hall's 1lb haggis (normally £1.25) free with every purchase of Grant's whisky at £11.19. Other chains are offering their own-label versions or haggis manufactured by the major suppliers such as MacSweens of Edinburgh.

The "Great chieftain o' the puddin'-race", as Burns termed it, is a rich mixture of sheep's heart, liver suet, oatmeal and onions, and should be served with "champit tatties" (mashed potatoes) and "bashed neeps" (mashed swede), ideally accompanied with a glass of malt whisky.

WEEKEND SHOPPING

Promotions include:

Asda: fresh lamb shoulder £3.05 a kg; new potatoes 98p for 2.5kg; oranges 19p each or 85p for seven; bloomer bread 49p for 800g; egg custard tarts 59p for three.

Budgens: fresh chicken leg portions £1.69 a kg; chicken and mushroom pie 79p for 400g; cherry tomatoes 89p for 250g.

Co-op: fresh pork shoulder £2.69 a kg; natural low-fat fromage frais 93p for 500g; oranges 99p for seven.

Harrods: pork pies £2 each; fresh cooked lobsters £9 each, £17 for two or £30 for four.

Iceland: breaded haddock fillet £1.99 for 600g; boned kippers £1.49 for 680g; lemon chicken £2.29 for 454g; Matthews beef roast £3.19 for 567g; treacle tart £1.19 for 360g.

Marks & Spencer: chicken breast fillets in breadcrumb £4.99 for 750g; reduced-fat cod with creamy vegetables £2.49 for 465g; reduced-fat pork fillet in mustard sauce £3.49 for 390g; baby new potatoes £1.49 for 750g.

Morrison's: plaice fillet £7.47 a kg; whole mackerel £1.74; fresh mussels 99p a kg; fresh chicken, sizes 1-4, £1.30 a kg; Sunflower margarine 85p a kg.

Safeway: rump steak £6.99 a kg; half leg of lamb (knuckle/fillet) £5.89 a kg; chicken breast fillets with skin £1.49 a kg; British baked ham 59p a ¼ lb; loose clementines 46p a lb; white bloomer bread 65p for 800g.

Sainsbury's: frozen large 1.8kg to 2kg chickens, £1.85 each; wafer-thin smoked ham 99p for 200g; small new potatoes 66p a kg; loose tomatoes 34p a lb; comice pears 39p a lb.

Somerfield: fresh British pork shoulder roast £2.18 a kg; Class A fresh chicken breast fillets with skin £3.34 for 620g; mixed peppers 89p pack.

Tesco: braising steak £3.89 a kg; leg of pork bone in £2.89 a kg; half leg of lamb £5.19 a kg; smoked haddock fillet £2.47 a lb; salmon chops £3.45 a lb.

Waitrose: chicken casserole with leeks £3.49 for 900g; Romano potatoes £1.39 for 2.5kg; sweet potatoes 65p a lb; avocado pears 25p each; plum tomatoes 69p a lb.

ROBIN YOUNG

NEWS IN BRIEF

Absence of voice tape 'hindered inquiry'

The absence of a £10,000 cockpit voice recorder hindered and prolonged investigations into the Mull of Kintyre helicopter disaster, Anthony Cable, a senior crash investigator, told the inquiry at Paisley, Strathclyde.

Earlier, Mr Cable said that a study of the Chinook's navigation system showed it was working perfectly at the time of the crash and was being used correctly. Ten high-ranking RUC officers, nine Army intelligence experts, six MI5 experts and the four-man RAF crew died in the crash on June 2, 1994.

The inquiry continues.

Mother saves girl

A mother was seriously injured after pushing her daughter out of the path of a car and taking the full force of the collision. Sharon Lively, 30, from Barwell, Leicestershire, was getting off a bus with her daughter Amie, 6, who ran into the road outside her school.

Charge dropped

An arson charge against the stepdaughter of Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons, has been withdrawn. Magistrates at Braintree, Essex, were told there was insufficient evidence to proceed against Verity Gilthorpe, 20, whose council flat in the town was damaged by fire.

Boy stole £4,500

A 12-year-old boy who snatched more than £4,500 from a filling station safe when his mother stopped to buy cigarettes was sent to secure accommodation for six months at Aberdeen Sheriff Court. He was found guilty at an earlier hearing of theft.

Rail deaths

Two men died and the neck of a third was broken when a train hit their car at 50mph as they apparently tried to drive round an automatic half-barrier on a level crossing at Bosham, West Sussex. The barrier was down and the red light was flashing when police arrived.

Victim named

The body of a young woman found burning by the side of a railway line has been identified as Deborah Wood, 20, of Holbeck, West Yorkshire. Police are interviewing two men who were recorded by security cameras at a petrol station filling a fuel can shortly before her death.

Phones rerouted

Emergency telephones on a 75-mile stretch of the M4 will work only intermittently for three weeks after a computer fault. Police have increased patrols to help at accidents and breakdowns between Swindon and Bridgwater. Engineers are replacing the old system.

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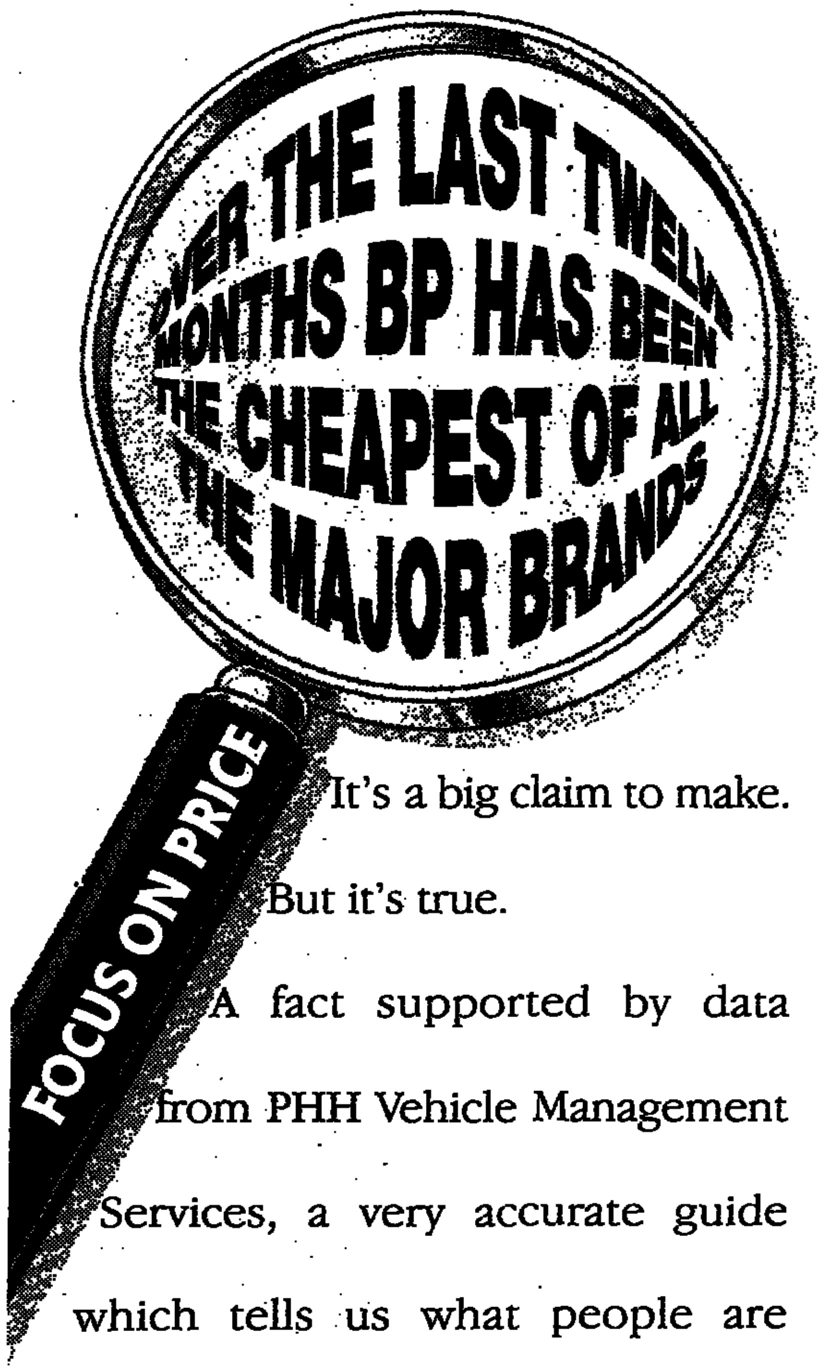

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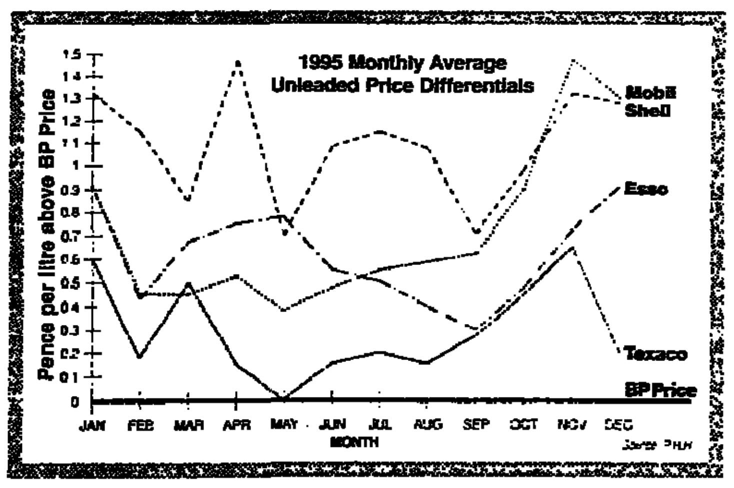

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Major's aides invoke store chief's support

Tories pour scorn on Blair's bid to champion business

By Nicholas Wood, chief political correspondent

TORY officials challenged Tony Blair's attempts last night to champion Marks & Spencer in his crusade on behalf of a "stakeholder economy" in which everyone can take part.

The Labour leader named the store chain as an example of his big idea in action. But the gloss was taken off his remarks when it was pointed out that Sir Richard Greenbury, the company's chairman, had spoken out in support of the Prime Minister's approach to business.

Mr Blair told a public meeting in Derby: "Business leaders recognise that what new Labour is saying fits exactly with current thinking in industry. Some of our great companies call themselves stakeholder firms — John Lewis, Rover, Marks & Spencer, BP."

But Central Office aides cited a letter written by Sir Richard and other business chiefs to a national newspaper on January 1. It said that the Prime Minister's policies had brought benefits to business and industry and described Britain as a "great industrial force". The letter added: "Despite his detractors, John Major has won the respect of the world in his straightforward determination to put our nation first. We businessmen who, with others, are leading the drive to keep Britain the enterprise centre of Europe agree with the policies of John Major."

In his speech Mr Blair hit back at the Tory attempt to portray his "big idea" as a smokescreen for a return to the days of trade union power. "The stakeholder economy is the key to preparing our people and business for vast economic and technological change," he said. "It is not about giving power to corporations or unions or interest groups. It is about giving power to you, the individual.

"It is about giving you the chances that help you to get on and so help Britain to get on too: a job, a skill, a home, an opportunity — a stake in the success that we all want for Britain.

"We will fight for that stake. Working with you, in partnership. The Tories fight only for the privileged few. We stand for the majority, the many." Mr Blair said that business experts advised that competitiveness and success came from a stakeholder approach. "The great lesson they draw from their research is that companies that treat their workers as partners are the ones that succeed. The same goes for a country."

Mr Blair's speech came against a barrage of attacks from senior Tories led by the Prime Minister in the Commons. Mr Major said that the only stakeholders under Labour would be union chiefs such as John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, and John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB union.

The Prime Minister will return to this theme today in a speech to the Institute of Directors in which he will extol his vision of Britain as the "enterprise centre of Europe" — his slogan endorsed by the Marks & Spencer boss.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, joined the fray last night by accusing Labour of planning to raid the £500 billion tied up in occupational and private pension funds. He cited Mr Blair's interest in Singapore's central provident fund — under which the Government manages compulsory contributions by workers and their employers — as evidence that Mr Blair wanted to get his hands on the £60 billion income from pension funds.

"Labour argue that the City is a poor investor of pension funds, so the State and the social partners should redirect funds to strengthen the economy and so improve returns for pensioners. The record of the Singapore CPF explodes this thesis. Since 1980, the Singapore scheme has yielded just 2 per cent more than inflation. By contrast the portfolios of UK pension schemes over a similar period have yielded 9.6 per cent more than inflation."

A Big Slice for Everyone
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Rumours reveal dismal state of party's morale

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

John Major will almost certainly lead the Tories into the next election. Any other option would be even more suicidal than the party's behaviour over the past three years. But that is almost beside the point. The latest rumours about backbench plotting against Mr Major matter not because he is likely to be ousted but because of what they reveal about the state of the Tory party.

The morale of Tory MPs is dire. Hardly anyone talks about victory. The only question is the scale of defeat. That is not new. What is depressing MPs is that the new year has arrived and there is barely a glimmer of an improvement. Mr Major's leadership coup, the party conference, the tax-cutting Budget, interest rate cuts: all were supposed to have marked a new beginning. But the party's troubles continue: Emma Nicholson's defection, the fuss over Baroness Thatcher's speech, no pick-up in the Tories' poll ratings, etc.

The predominant reaction is fatalistic: we are going to lose and there is not much we can do about it. So the only thing is to fight the good fight, hope that Labour trips up, and pray for rising living standards and another round of tax cuts in November to narrow the gap. There is, of course, a world of difference for individual MPs between losing by a whisker and a landslide, as Labour can readily testify after ending up with only 209 MPs in 1983.

The question is rather whether anything, or anyone, can affect the outcome. Some on the ideological Right saw last summer's contest as the last chance in this Parliament to make a change. They would welcome a period in opposition to regroup, and would be content for Mr Major to take the blame for defeat, allowing their unblemished champion to ride to the rescue.

However, hopes of a miracle are still entertained by some traditional Tories on the centre-right who used to be regarded as the squirearchy and are now widely, if not quite accurately, described as grandees since few are grand either in estates or in style. They are less relaxed by the prospect of defeat and are looking round for some dramatic leadership initiative.

There are three obvious snags: first, any replacement would be messy; second, there is no agreed successor; and, third, Mr Major is not about to resign. The idea that Mr Major can be persuaded to step down after dreadful Tory results in the May local elections and then succeeded smoothly, and without a contest, is nonsense. Any change would be far from bloodless and could do fatal damage to the Tories so near an election.

Moreover, some MPs who have again been muttering about the leadership were among those most hostile last summer to Michael Heseltine. Yet he is the only possible short-term successor to Mr Major in the type of palace revolution now being canvassed. So the plotters would get the man they opposed then. Mr Heseltine has been scrupulously loyal to Major and, anyway, now looks even more the elder statesman than the hungry politician eager for the premiership.

Mr Major is also a determined fighter and an adept party manager — as shown, for example, when he tied in Mr Heseltine before he called the leadership contest. He displayed these skills again yesterday when he pushed through the Cabinet, at the last minute, a proposal to publish a White Paper on the inter-governmental conference, despite Foreign Office statements to the contrary even on Wednesday. This looks more a symbol than a shift of substance to nail down the Government's negotiating position as the Tory sceptics have been seeking. But they saw it as a conciliatory gesture. Mr Major should survive, though there must be a slim chance that he may give up in despair at his party.

PETER RIDDELL

Daylight reformers hint at a deal

By Alice Thomson
Political reporter

SUPPORTERS of the campaign to scrap Greenwich Mean Time may offer their opponents a compromise before today's vote in the Commons.

They suggest that Britain could have an extra hour of evening light during a five-year trial. The change would become permanent only if expected benefits, such as fewer road accidents, were realised. The Tory MP John Butterfill, who is sponsoring the British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill, said that a compromise might be offered if it was seen as the only way pushing the change through.

But Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is determined to stifle the backbench Bill. "Until this thing is dead and buried, I am not going to stop kicking it," he said.

Mr Forsyth is adamant that the Bill, which would mean 11am winter dawns in Shetland, will benefit only southerners with later dusks and international businesses, which would be on the same time as the rest of Europe. He has told colleagues that for Scottish Tories it would be a greater electoral disaster than the poll tax.

The Bill has the backing of more than 200 southern MPs, 150 peers, almost 75 per cent of CBI members, several Scottish Labour MPs and, according to a recent poll, 72 per cent of British voters.

Mr Forsyth has told the government payroll, about 130 Tory MPs, to abstain although 40 have pledged their support and the Home Office, the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry have also given their tacit approval.

Mr Butterfill, MP for Bournemouth West, has had 1,000 letters of support from Scotland. He said: "I hope he will have this on his conscience if more Scottish children and pensioners are killed because of his response."

Commons watchdog closes loophole

By Arthur Leathley
Political correspondent

THE Commons watchdog on standards closed a loophole in the rules on MPs' business interests yesterday when he cleared a former Tory minister of wrongdoing.

Sir Gordon Downey, making his first report, decided that Patrick Nicholls had not been in breach of the rules when he tabled questions last year for a company that had offered to make him a shareholder. But he said that under the new rules MPs would not be allowed to do unpaid parliamentary work for clients in expectation of securing reward "related to future services".

Mr Nicholls, a former Tory party vice-chairman, tabled more than 20 questions in March last year on behalf of World Water Supplies. Two weeks later he arranged to accept a 5 per cent shareholding to take effect after a year. He said that the shareholding related to future activities and that he had acted within the rules because he would never be paid for tabling the questions.

Under rules introduced in November, MPs are barred from paid advocacy, such as making speeches, tabling questions or leading delegations on behalf of an outside client. Work carried out in expectation of a reward is referred to in the new rules, and Sir Gordon emphasised that a promise of future opportunities to earn would be seen in the same light.

Mr Nicholls said that he was entirely blameless and that there had never been any doubt that he would be cleared. He accused the Labour leader, Tony Blair, and his deputy, John Prescott, of trying to wreck his career by bringing the complaint against him.

Mr Prescott said that Mr Nicholls had been "technically cleared but morally condemned".

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to Home Office ministers and the Prime Minister were followed by a debate on the Army. In the Lords: debate on the future of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, including safeguards on the printing and publishing needs of Parliament.

TODAY in the Commons: the British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill, opened by John Butterfill (C, Bournemouth West); Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill; Western European Time Bill. The House of Lords is not sitting.

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Court blocks sale of doctor's book on Mitterrand 'lies'

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

POLICE last night questioned François Mitterrand's longtime personal doctor after a court banned a book in which he alleged that the late President had lied about cancer for a decade.

The Paris police chief's office announced it had begun a preliminary investigation ordered by the public prosecutor over an alleged breach of professional secrecy by Dr Claude Gubler in his book, *Le Grand Secret*. The court barred publication of the book, which alleges that the former President, who died last week, imposed "a reign of lies" to hide his disease.

The rare legal decision to stop the publishers, Editions Plon, selling the book came after a request from Danielle Mitterrand, the former President's widow, their two sons, Jean-Christophe and Gilbert, and Mazarine Pingeot, Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter. It is more usual in such cases for passages to be cut or warning text added. Jacqueline Cochard, president of the Paris high court, ordered a fine of Fr1,000 (£135) for every copy distributed.

In his book, Dr Gubler reveals that the former President was diagnosed with prostate cancer six months after his election for his first seven-year term. Despite promising "complete transparency" about his health during his 1981 political campaign, Mitterrand did not reveal his cancer until September 1992.

Dr Gubler also claims that, in the final months of his presidency, Mitterrand was too ill to work, an allegation which has been dismissed by the former President's colleagues. Politicians and medical colleagues have condemned the doctor's book as a gross violation of medical ethics. Mme Cochard said that Dr Gubler's revelations constituted "by their nature a particularly serious intrusion into the intimacy of their private family life — an attack which was made more intolerable by the fact that the book was sold a few days after the death and burial of President Mitterrand".

Dr Gubler, who would have made an estimated Fr54 million if the book had sold the 500,000 copies hoped for by the publishers, plans to appeal against the court's decision. Bernard Cahen, his lawyer, said that the freedom of opinion which supposes that each French person "may know the state of health of the Chief of State" appeared more important to him than the protection of the privacy laws. He denied that his client had been questioned by police.

Forty thousand copies of the book were printed and appeared on the shelves on Wednesday. Bookshops reported they were sold out within two hours.

A Palestinian hurls a snowball near an election poster in Ramallah after parts of Israel and the West Bank suffered a rare fall yesterday. Tel Aviv had floods

Arafat aides fear assassination as campaign ends

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERICHO

CAMPAIGNING in the first Palestinian general election ended officially last night. But death threats against the certain winner, Yassir Arafat, have become so serious that visitors to his offices in the autonomous Jericho and Gaza City are barred from taking in mobile phones for fear they are bombs.

Israeli army sources said that Islamic militants, who will boycott tomorrow's poll in protest against the peace deal between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, had threatened to assassinate Jimmy Carter, the former US President. He is the most prominent figure among more than 1,000 foreign observers. The election will decide the presidency and the 88 members of a de facto Palestinian parliament.

Matties Burchard, a spokesman for the European Union, said an initial plan to have the European team of 350 observers presided over by Baroness Thatcher and Jacques Delors had been abandoned because of "technical difficulties" with their schedules. Journalists attending the PLO leader's main election press conference here had their phones confiscated by members of Mr Arafat's protection unit. So did a senior official of the EU, which has financed the poll with £26 million. "We cannot risk another assassination like that of Yehia Ayyash on January 5," we were told.

Ayyash, the master bombmaker known as The Engineer, was killed when his mobile phone, booby-trapped by the Israelis, was detonated from a plane over his Gaza hideout.

PLO officials fear that, with Mr Arafat about to receive legitimacy from the ballot box, right-wing Jewish settlers, renegade members of the Israeli secret services, or Muslim fanatics might try to ensure he meets the same fate.

Mr Arafat is expected to win at least 80 per cent of the vote for the presidency. His opponent is Samiha Khalil, 72, an Arab woman whose meetings have often attracted only a handful of people.

Bahrain bombing stirs fears

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BAHRAINI officials confirmed yesterday that a blast which shook the luxury Le Royal Meridien hotel on Wednesday evening was caused by a bomb. The explosion raises new fears of a fresh wave of violence in the Gulf island.

In recent weeks police have used rubber bullets and teargas to quell demonstrations by Shia opposition groups demanding greater rights and a return to the suspended 1975 constitution. About 13 people and three police were killed in December 1994 riots.

Last week Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak al-Khalifa, the Foreign Minister, urged Britain not to grant asylum to three dissident sheikhs who fled to Britain from Iran last year. His talks with Foreign Office officials raised fears among opposition groups that Britain will come under pressure from Bahrain over dissidents, as it has from Saudi Arabia over Muhammad al-Masari.

The European Parliament yesterday condemned Britain's proposed deportation of Dr Masari to Dominica, saying it was "deeply disturbed" at the increasing violation of basic human rights in Saudi Arabia.

Juppé aid for cities unveiled

BY SUSAN BELL

AS 14,000 demonstrators marched through Marseilles yesterday to protest against the Government's welfare policy, Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, arrived in the southern city to announce his anxiously awaited plan to bring jobs and financial aid to 700 of the country's most deprived housing estates.

The proposal was originally touted by President Chirac during his election campaign as a veritable Marshall Plan. M Juppé announced 68 measures, representing Fr5 billion (£675 million) a year, designed to create local businesses, provide more jobs and fight the soaring crime rate. To combat unemployment — in some areas as high as 60 per cent — M Juppé promised that 100,000 new jobs for 18 to 25-year-olds would be created in the next four years, to be financed 55 per cent by the Government.

Although Martine Aubry, the former Socialist Employment Minister, conceded that the Gaullist plan contained "some good ideas", she said it did not meet the needs of the suburbs. She said: "We are a long way from a Marshall Plan ... the Government obviously has not realised the enormity and the gravity of the situation."

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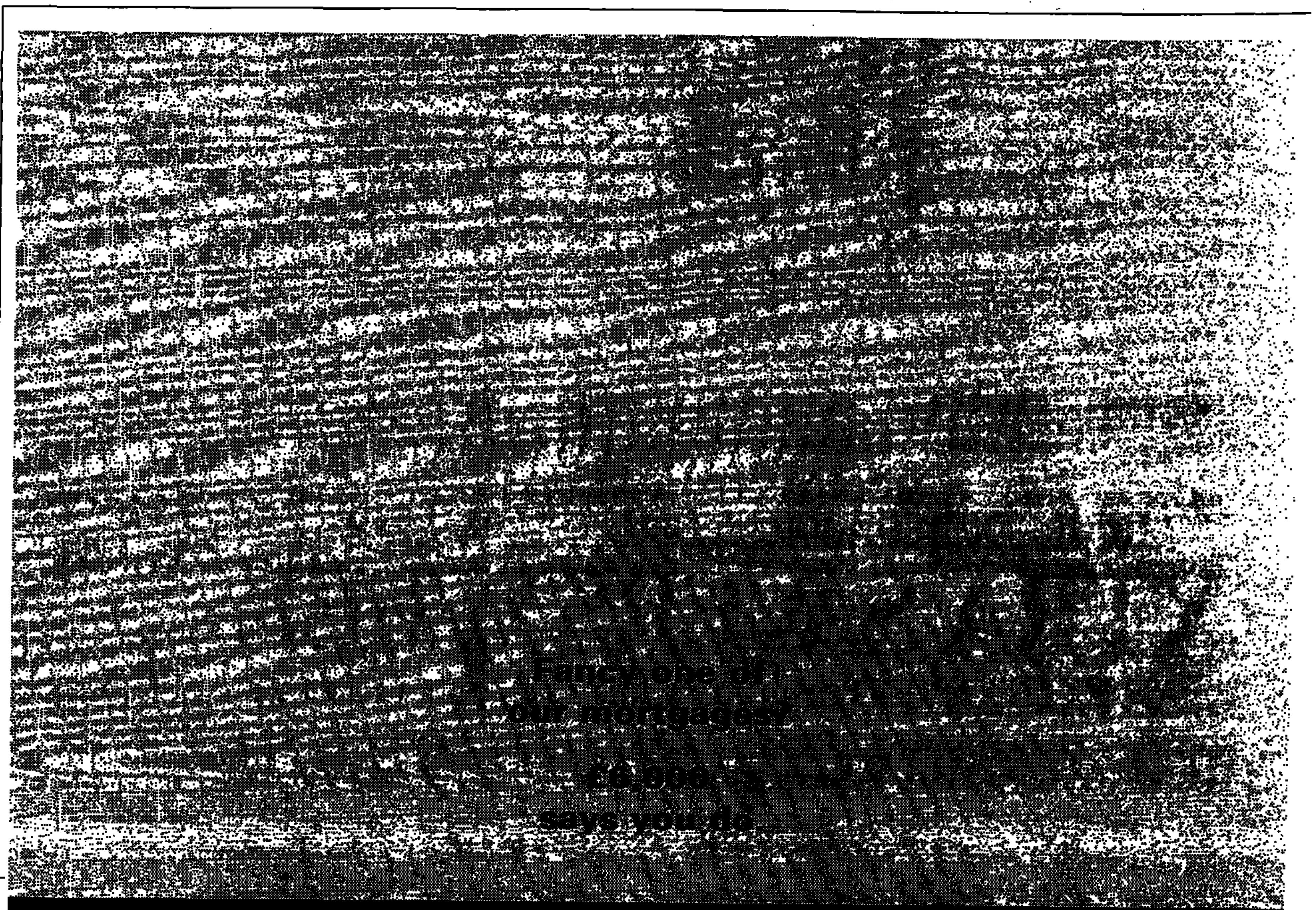
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Budget becomes key battleground for US election

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

Robert Dole and Newt Gingrich, the Republican leaders, at a Capitol Hill news conference on tax reform plans

THE budget impasse in Washington, destroying the reputation of the US Government among its people, yesterday emerged as the central issue for the year in which America chooses its new President.

After a planned week-long gap in negotiation, Republican leaders have cancelled talks with Democratic opponents until President Clinton is prepared to produce a balanced budget proposal acceptable to Capitol Hill.

The White House, accusing congressional leaders of widening demands, is uncertain privately that either side can engineer a deal this year, and has left the rest of Washington, and indeed America, convinced the budget will become the main battleground of November's presidential election.

No longer merely a question of spending figures for contested policies over healthcare programmes such as Medicare and Medicaid, as the White House would prefer, the budget has become a fight for the country's leadership.

Mr Clinton, attempting to make political capital from the most recent impasse, said yesterday both sides had already agreed $600 billion (£392 billion) in savings, easily enough to balance the budget.

Listing policy differences over Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment — areas of most appeal to middle-class America — Mr Clinton said he "had gone the extra mile in good faith" to achieve a deal.

"It is wrong for us to defer this because of disagreements which are not necessary for balancing the budget and bringing modest tax cuts," he said. "I would say to those Republicans in Congress that my door is open, it will stay open. I am committed to work with them until the job is done."

Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader, immediately dismissed Mr Clinton's mile as a "very short one" and said the President's budget was a "spend now, save later programme". He added: "What the American people do not want is for us to go to the White House and make a bad deal, we'll take it to the voters before we do that. We are prepared to meet on Sunday, but only if there is something to meet about." Despite the impasse, both sides publicly are clinging to the notion of a budget deal for fear of unsettling the financial markets in Wall Street, and said there may be further "telephone" conversations.

The Republicans have made it clear they will not return to the table until the White House offers new proposals to bridge the policy gulf. "The budget debate is not an exercise in arithmetic; it requires critical policy decisions," Mr Dole, Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and Dick Armey, the House majority leader, wrote to Mr Clinton.

Both sides have yet to establish how they will avert a third partial government shutdown when the present temporary spending measure, keeping various departments open, expires a week today.

A further confrontation looms over the Republican refusal to lift the $4.9 trillion federal debt ceiling and allow the Treasury to borrow to finance its spending. Robert Rubin, the Treasury Secretary, has said the Administration will run out of money by mid-February unless a middle ground can be found. With few signs of movement, the heated debate is likely to provide a partisan setting for Mr Clinton's State of the Union message to Congress next Tuesday. It has complicated his own attempts to create a budget proposal for the 1997 fiscal year, due early next month.

In walking out of the talks, the Republicans may pay a price. Some Republicans are concerned that whether there is a deal or not, Mr Clinton can argue during the poll campaign that, after 12 years of rising deficits, he has cut them in half with barely a single Republican vote. His plan has also been accepted by the Republican-controlled Congressional Budget Office, and the White House is talking of labelling the right-wing majority on Capitol Hill as a "do nothing" Congress.

Blind sheikh jailed for life over American 'jihad'

An artist's sketch of Sheikh Abdel-Rahman, left, before Judge Michael Mukasey yesterday

From Quentin Letts
in New York

A BLIND Muslim fundamentalist cleric, spitting angry words about "infidel America", yesterday began a life sentence in prison. Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman was given the maximum penalty for leading a "jihad" against the United States.

The trial and sentencing of Abdel-Rahman and nine followers sent a shiver down Manhattan's spine. Islamic fundamentalism, for many Americans once a problem in foreign lands, was uncomfortably close to home. New York was on security alert yesterday, anticipating trouble from the Egyptian-born cleric's supporters.

Police, who had deployed armoured vehicles and sniffer dogs outside the court, urged people to remain vigilant and report suspicious packages. A New York police chief directive asked private security firms to assist the security operation. New York airports were on alert level three — the highest is four — and the port authority and prominent public buildings were given security advice. Manhattan's federal building officials, mindful of last year's Oklahoma City bombing, increased their vigilance.

Abdel-Rahman, 57, prematurely elderly and in Middle Eastern clothes, was defiant before being sentenced. The defendants were permitted to address the court for 30 minutes, or an hour if using an interpreter. Abdel-Rahman, wielding a thick pile of Braille papers, spoke for more than 90 minutes, attacking America for "waging a war against Islam".

His co-conspirators, found guilty of plotting to bomb the United Nations, the FBI, and other Manhattan landmarks, received sentences of 25 years to life. They were also linked to a plan to kill President Mubarak of Egypt.

The men apparently hoped their activities would force Washington to alter its Middle East policies.

☐ **Cairo:** Faten, 38, the younger of Abdel-Rahman's two wives, said she, Aisha, 49, and their eight children had received the news calmly. "There has been no proof to incriminate him, but Sheikh Omar is one of the great figureheads of Islam and this is a war against Islam." *(Reuter)*

Plane kills shoppers in Indonesia

Jakarta: Fifteen people, including at least two children, were killed when a government-owned trainer plane crashed into a clothing shop in Indonesia's scenic mountain city of Bandung yesterday, state-run TVRI television reported.

Four of those who died were aboard the twin-propeller Beechcraft Baron, which exploded when it crashed soon after take-off in a city street crowded with vendors, shoppers and pedicabs. Four shops, motorcycles and pedicabs, were destroyed. An official at Bandung's Husein Sastranegara airport said the plane had apparently developed engine trouble. *(Reuter)*

Son of Abacha dies in air crash

Lagos: The son of Nigeria's military ruler, General Sani Abacha, and 13 others were killed when their private jet crashed in Kano. Ibrahim Sani Abacha, 34, was travelling on Wednesday night with presidential security guards who were going to the northern city as an advance party before a visit by the general. The pilot had reported engine problems. An unknown group, the United Front for Nigeria's Liberation, yesterday claimed responsibility for the crash. *(AP, Reuter)*

Editor walks out on Kennedy

New York: John F. Kennedy Jnr, son of the former President, has hit trouble with his magazine, *George*; on the eve of issue number three, editor Eric Etheridge walked out citing "editorial differences" with Mr Kennedy (Quentin Letts writes). Mr Kennedy is expected to become editor — *George* has helped him to portray himself as a highbrow man of influence rather than the feckless son of an assassinated President.

Lesotho throne given to son

Maseru, Lesotho: King Moshoeshoe II of Lesotho's eldest son will succeed him after the monarch's death in a car crash on Monday, the college of chiefs decided. Crown Prince David Mohato Bereng Seeiso, 32, served as King Letsie III for four years until abdicating in 1994 in favour of his exiled father. No coronation date has been set. *(AP)*

Cabinet snub to Islamic Turks

Ankara: Mesut Yilmaz, Turkey's Motherland Party leader, has rejected an offer by the Islamic Welfare Party, which came first in last month's election, to form a coalition. This paves the way for him to set up a government with Tansu Ciller, the caretaker Prime Minister. *(Reuter)*

Pizza to go

Calgary: Rabbi Allen Saks so fancied a kosher pizza that he ordered 80 slices of it from a New York restaurant, 2,485 miles away. It was delivered to Canada within 24 hours, at a cost of £200. *(Reuter)*

Clintons accused of hiding documents

By Tom Rhodes

REPUBLICANS yesterday accused the Clintons of hiding sensitive Whitewater documents after an aide testified that she had accidentally found Hillary Clinton's law firm records in the guest quarters of the White House.

Carolyn Huber, who had worked for the Rose Law Firm in Arkansas before joining the White House, told the Senate Whitewater committee yesterday that she had been in the habit of going to the "book room" every two or three days.

In August, she discovered the records. "They appeared there, I don't think I would have missed them," said Ms Huber, who was asked whether she believed somebody had left them deliberately. "Someone did," she said. Access to that part of the White House, next to the First Lady's office, was restricted to the President and Mrs Clinton, their house guests and a handful of staff.

Mrs Clinton came under attack from Republicans who suggested that the Clintons may have hidden the documents despite subpoenas requiring they divulge all information relating to the failed land deal in Arkansas.

Calling for both Clintons to be brought before the committee, Senator Lauch Faircloth, of North Carolina, said Congress would "very likely have a very serious case of obstruction of justice".

The White House had maintained that it could not find the documents, which describe Mrs Clinton's legal work at the Rose Law Firm for Madison Guaranty, the failed bank at the centre of the scandal.

Ms Huber placed the memorandums in a box and forgot them until she reopened the box this month. She then recognised their importance.

In a further sign of Mrs Clinton's diminishing popularity, she was accused of not signing her name during a promotional tour for her book about children.

Howard Stern, the radio talk show host, said she had insulted her fans by using an automatic signature machine to autograph *It Takes a Village*.

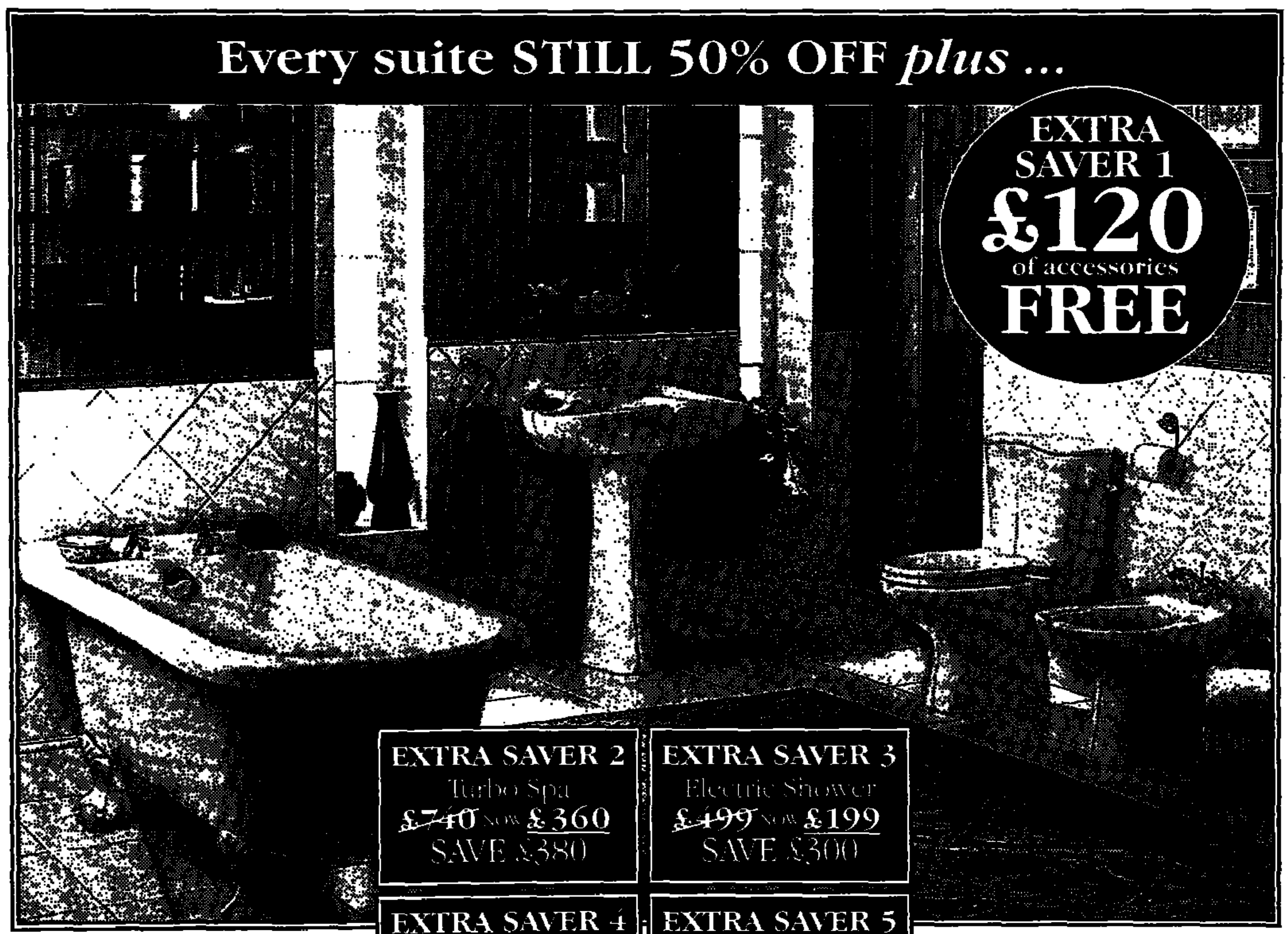
TV host Donahue bows out

New York: Phil Donahue, one of America's leading talk show hosts, has retired from television after 30 years (Quentin Letts writes). His decision, partly explained by falling audience figures, comes after political attacks on daytime TV standards by leading Republicans.

Mr Donahue, 60, was the "grandfather" of the audience-participation chat show, a genre which in recent months has stooped to sensationalistic and vulgar topics of debate. Empower Anmerica, a right-wing pressure group, campaigned for an end to the daytime discussion of teenage sex, family strife and community violence and urged advertisers to withdraw financial support from some programmes.

Mr Donahue's show was mild by comparison with some of its imitators, but he may have paid the price for pioneering a form of programme which has become so controversial.

Mr Donahue was not available for comment, but was said to be "very emotional" about the end of his show.



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Eurofighter gets go-ahead after argument ends

By Ross Tieman
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE programme to build 230 Eurofighter aircraft for the Royal Air Force is set to begin this summer after Britain and Germany settled a year-long wrangle over the manufacturing work share.

The high-agility aircraft, which is expected to outperform every fighter in the world except the American F22 now under development, is expected to enter squadron service in 2002, replacing the RAF's air defence Tornados. British industry, including most companies involved in aerospace, will earn about £10 billion — some £1 billion more than expected — from work on the aircraft. The biggest beneficiary will be British Aerospace, which will build the planes at its Warton plant in Lancashire. Rolls-Royce is likely to emerge as lead-partner in the four-nation engine programme.

The breakthrough came after Volke Ruhe, the German Defence Minister, announced that Germany would buy an additional 40 aircraft. Originally Britain and Germany were each to buy 250 aircraft in exchange for a one-third share of the programme.

The remaining third was to be split between Italy, which wants 187 planes, and Spain, which plans to buy 87.

After the Berlin Wall collapsed, Germany decided to buy just 140 Eurofighters in order to reduce defence spending. German ministers insisted that Germany retain its 33 per cent work share to help the ailing German aerospace industry. Under the terms of the contract, it would be properly entitled to less than a quarter of the programme. Britain refused to allow the Germans so much of the work, arguing that it would result in British jobs going abroad and increase the costs of the planes.

During a meeting in London yesterday James Arbuthnot, Britain's Defence Procurement Minister, and Jorg Schonbohm, his German counterpart, agreed that the increase in German purchases could form the basis for an agreement. Under an outline deal, Britain's share of the £30 billion production work will rise to 37 per cent or 38 per cent, while Germany's will shrink to 30 per cent. The remainder will go to the other partners, as planned. Officials have been asked to iron out the details so that a final agreement can be signed in mid-summer.

In a joint statement, Mr Arbuthnot and Herr Schonbohm said they "agreed that this resolved the issues of production work share subject to the settlement of some details by officials of the four nations, and will provide a firm basis for planning by industry".

A pre-production prototype Eurofighter was displayed at the Paris Air Show last June, but the aircraft has yet to be put through its paces in front of a crowd.

With a speed of more than 1,500 miles an hour and a cost less than half that of the F22, both BAe and the Ministry of Defence hope it will find export sales in sophisticated defence markets such as Saudi Arabia.

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US RATE

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Outlook fair

Business confidence and orders are stabilising, and industry is set for reasonable trading in 1996, leaders of Britain's chambers of commerce said yesterday. The findings of the latest quarterly trends survey from the British Chambers of Commerce support the idea that the current slowdown is a pause in the UK's economic growth, rather than a downturn. **Page 24**

Blue skies

IBM turned in its best performance for more than a decade, exceeding Wall Street's highest estimates and confirming that the computer company's recovery is back on track. **Page 25**

City welcomes rate cut and hopes for more

By Janet Bush
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE City and industry applauded the Chancellor's decision to cut base rates by a quarter of a point to 6.25 per cent yesterday, arguing that inflationary trends justified the move which was needed to bolster the economy's flagging growth.

Financial markets immediately priced in further cuts in interest rates this spring as part of a Europe-wide move to use easier money to revive economies. Rates were also cut in France and The Netherlands and, although the Bundesbank left key German interest rates unchanged, there are expectations of German rate cuts to come as well as another drop in US rates.

Sterling futures markets soared yesterday and are now discounting two more quarter-point cuts by the end of June. Government bonds rallied by half a point and the stock market soared to a new high, the FT-SE 100 index closing 44.5 points higher at 3,748.7.

Industry was as euphoric as the markets. Richard Brown, deputy director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce, said: "We are delighted that the Chancellor has cut interest rates, we called for it and it was the right time to do it." The move was also welcomed by the Institute of Directors and the Confederation of British Industry.

However, ten million households with mortgages will not enjoy the immediate benefits of the rate cut, after leading mortgage lenders yesterday signalled that they would not lower their home loan rates after they had already moved late last year. Normally, borrowers could expect to see their monthly outgoings reduced by about £4 on a £30,000 repayment loan and £7.24 on a £50,000 mortgage.

Economists, too, were generally favourable, although there was some nervousness about timing. Some argued that it came too soon after the quarter-point cut in base rates in December and smacked of political desperation.

Roger Bootle, chief economist at Midland Bank, said: "The authorities need to go a lot further in the coming months. The world economy is slipping away and there is a significant danger of recession on a global scale."

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said in a statement after the rate cut was announced that the marked slowdown in Britain's key export markets has been a factor in his decision. And slow world growth is expected to figure at the meeting of the Group of Seven in Paris this weekend.

There was some concern yesterday that the decision had been taken in spite of a rise in headline inflation to 3.2 per cent in December, compared with 3.1 per cent in November. The Central Statistical Office said that just over half of this rise was due to Budget changes. Although more prices rises on tobacco are expected to be passed on to customers this month, the petrol price rise is likely to be reversed because of the price war between main oil companies.

However, economists said that yesterday's retail prices figures were still slightly disappointing with most expecting a small fall in both the headline and underlying rates. There were also significant upward effects from price rises for household goods and non-seasonal food. The message from yesterday's retail sales figures was also mixed. Volumes rose by only 0.4 per cent in December. However, sales in October and November were revised upwards and the underlying trend of consumer spending appears to be picking up. Against a year ago, sales were up 1.7 per cent. The equivalent year-on-year rate in October was 0.4 per cent.

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ANDRE CAMARA

Kenneth Clarke yesterday, after the bank rate had been cut by a quarter of a point to 6.25 per cent

Caradon inquiry launched by DTI

By Alasdair Murray

THE DTI has launched an insider trading investigation into dealings in the shares of Caradon, the building materials company, before the announcement of its interim results last September.

The move follows an inquiry by the Stock Exchange into the unusually heavy trading and sharp fall in price of Caradon shares on September 8. The Exchange has now passed on its findings to the DTI.

The Stock Exchange investigation is understood to have centred on conversations between two building analysts at Robert Fleming, the merchant bank, and Tony Knox, the chairman of Financial Dynamics, the public relations company which represents Caradon. On the same day, Robert Fleming Asset Management, the bank's fund management arm, sold a block of ten million shares.

Yesterday, it emerged that David Reed and Martin Murch, the two analysts, had left the bank and were now acting as consultants. Fleming launched its own inquiry into the affair, but has refused to comment on its findings.

The DTI's involvement will cause further embarrassment to Financial Dynamics which was severely rebuked by the Takeover Panel for a leak of information about another company in December. The company has vigorously denied that it leaked any price-sensitive information about Caradon.

The Stock Exchange first launched an investigation into trading in Caradon shares in September after the share price tumbled from 221p from 210p on unusually heavy trading. Accurate forecasts of Caradon's results also appeared in the Sunday press and the company had to bring forward its results announcement to the Monday. The Exchange concluded at the time there was no case to answer.

The investigation was revived on December 12 after new evidence came to light. On the same day, Financial Dynamics was reprimanded by the Takeover Panel for leaking price-sensitive information to a broker on Amec, the construction company, which was then embroiled in a takeover battle. Financial Dynamics was subsequently replaced by Dewe Rogerson as Amec's advisers.

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Forte tries to sell two top hotels

By Eric Reguly

FORTE, in an effort to raise cash and prove that it is not wedded to "trophy" assets, has secretly been trying to find buyers for two luxury hotels in London since Granada launched its hostile bid for the company in November. The sale of one of them could be announced shortly if Forte retains its independence.

The hotels are thought to be the Grosvenor House and the Hyde Park, which are part of the Exclusive chain. Hotel experts are not surprised that Forte has had trouble selling. Alex Kyriakidis, head of the hotel group at the Arthur Andersen consultancy, said: "There is a problem with too much supply."

He notes that the Langham Hilton in London has been on the market for about £100 million for several months and that the Britannia Inter-Continental is now up for auction. The Howard Hotel, owned by the Barclay brothers, is thought to be for sale.

Granada has said it would sell the Exclusive hotels along with the Meridien chain if its £3.8 billion bid, which closes on Tuesday, succeeds.

Forte said yesterday that Granada's decision to sell the Meridien "could seriously damage the value" of the 85-hotel chain. It said that many owners could terminate the management contracts under change of ownership clauses.

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UniChem to buy Lloyds for £547m

By Sarah Cunningham

UNICHEM has agreed a bid for Lloyds Chemists that values the group at about £547 million. The takeover will create Britain's largest chemist chain with 1,300 outlets, pushing Boots into second place, and give UniChem about 35 per cent of the wholesale and 11 per cent of the retail market.

The offer values each Lloyds ordinary share at 422p and each preference share at 271p. There is also a partial cash alternative worth about 400p.

Allen Lloyd, chairman of Lloyds Chemists, has agreed to sell the family stake which should net about £41 million.

The two companies' shares surged yesterday. Unichem closed at 258.5p, up 19.5p, while Lloyds closed at 401p, up 35p on the day.

UniChem said it would rename almost the Lloyds chemists as Moss, the chain it bought four years ago and has since expanded. It wants to develop its own-label brands to compete with Boots. This could lead to price-cutting, Jeff Harris, chief executive, said.

The two businesses were highly complementary, he said, and buying Lloyds should bring savings. UniChem is strong in pharmaceutical wholesaling and distribution, while Lloyds brings 924 stores, its Holland & Barrett health food chain and a veterinary wholesaler. The larger group will have more buying power.

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Lloyd: selling family stake

Bristol & West deters speculators

By Robert Miller

BRISTOL & WEST, the ninth largest building society with one million savers and 180,000 borrowers, yesterday raised the minimum amount needed to open accounts that confer membership rights and qualify for bonus payouts, in the event of a merger or takeover, to £2,500.

The society, which has assets of £1.8 billion, has, with the Britannia, been the subject of speculation about its future, as a mutual organisation. Both have been considered possible takeover targets or candidates for mergers prior to a stock market flotation. The Alliance & Leicester, which owns Girobank, is expected to announce soon that it will seek a stock market listing.

John Burke, chief executive of the Bristol & West, said there were "no plans to merge or convert to plc status". He added: "We have decided to take this action now, in line with a number of other societies, in order to manage speculative investment."

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Five years for ex-bank manager in fee fraud

By Robert Miller

A FORMER Barclays Bank manager was jailed for five years yesterday for his part in an international "advanced fee" fraud, in which hundreds of investors lost "tens of millions".

Four other men received a total of 15 years after being convicted at Wood Green Crown Court, London, of conspiracy to defraud. Matthew Oke, who received 3½ years, and David Oluyitan, who was given four years, were recommended to be deported to Nigeria after serving sentence. Abdul Khaliq received 30 months.

Passing sentence on Victor Boulter, Judge Owen Stable, QC, said that his knowledge and expertise as a former Barclays Bank manager had been a key part in the fraud. Boulter and another defendant, Victor Watson, who was also given five years, had posed as bank managers using the identities of real bank officials.

Among the investors targeted with Nigerian scam letters are a judge and a former Metropolitan Police Commissioner. Detective Inspector David Crinnion of the Metropolitan Police Company Fraud Squad, who led the investigation with the help of West End Central division, said thousands of the letters had been sent to public figures, charities, including Christian Aid, and senior company executives.

The letters, which have turned up in 51 countries, were often written on Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation headed paper or other government departments, state that the sender, a senior Nigerian civil servant, and his colleagues, have over-invoiced the Government on contracts and need to place the money in overseas bank accounts. The bait for the potential investors to provide details of their personal accounts is sometimes as much as $20 million. Mr Crinnion, whose team was commended by the judge, said: "Translated, these letters have the same theme: 'Dear Sir or Madam, I am a thief who has stolen a lot of money from the Government and I would like your help to get it out of Nigeria.' These monies do not exist and never have."

The mastermind is "Chief" Frank Okosa, described as a fugitive believed to be in Nigeria. The judge ordered that £219,373 found in his Barclays' bank account be handed over.

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Profits take off at Vega

By Martin Barrow

VEGA GROUP, the software and engineering company whose principal clients are the European Space Agency and the UK Ministry of Defence, increased pre-tax profits 25 per cent to £1.27 million from £1.02 million in the half year to October 31.

John Rigg, chairman, said the flow of contracts has remained strong. Awards included a £1 million contract for the development of a computerised aircraft training system (Cats) for the Royal Navy and a £1.4 million contract for spacecraft operations and software support for the Envisat spacecraft. Vega is also developing a runway simulation system for the Civil Aviation Authority.

First-half earnings were 5.9p a share, rising from 4.76p. The interim dividend is increased to 1.75p a share from 1.4p. The shares rose 5p to 348p yesterday.

DOUG MARKE

Kelvin Harrison, managing director of Vega, at the controls of a Tornado jet during a visit to RAF Cottesmore

Channel shoppers hit revenue

CUSTOMS and Excise collected £73 billion last year and the Inland Revenue £87 billion. Cross-border shopping is quickly reducing revenue but the loss is being offset by the new insurance premium tax (Nigel Williamson writes).

The figures are contained in the National Audit Office's annual report. It shows cross-border shopping reduced revenue £350 million in 1994 (£310 million in 1993). Of the three new taxes in 1994-95 air passenger duty will yield £315 million in its first year. The new insurance premium tax will yield £600 million and the lottery should yield £700 million.

The Inland Revenue reduced tax outstanding for more than three months to £2.217 billion, 7.8 per cent of collectable charges.

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Orders and confidence steadier say chambers

By *Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor*

BUSINESS confidence and orders are stabilising, and industry is set for reasonable trading in 1996, leaders of Britain's chambers of commerce said yesterday.

The findings of the latest quarterly trends survey from the British Chambers of Commerce, released as the Bank of England announced a quarter-point rate cut, support the idea that the current slowdown is a pause in the UK's economic growth, rather than a move towards a downturn.

But ministers, officials and business leaders will wait until next week's quarterly industrial trends report from the Confederation of British Industry to form their final view of the current state of UK industry.

Over the past year, successive BCC surveys have become more strident about the impact of the economic slowdown on industry and services. Yesterday, it said its latest findings reversed some of the trends seen during that time.

In particular, the decline in home and export sales in manufacturing has stopped, mirroring greater stability in service sector growth. Overall confidence, having deteriorated, is stabilising. But employment growth looks like slowing.

The survey of almost 7,700 companies for the final quarter of last year showed that firms are not expecting a strong upturn in business, and the BCC said that the level at which growth would be sustained looked "modest rather than spectacular, falling far short of the heady levels seen at this time last year".

Chambers leaders said that growth of anything like 3 per cent would not be achieved without further rate cuts, though they called for some stability in rates now until the late spring or early summer.

Key results from the survey included:

☐ Orders. In manufacturing, the rate of fall-off in orders declined, with the balance of companies — those recording a rise set against those registering a fall — reporting an *increase in orders dropping* back from 14 to 13 per cent. Service sector orders dropped back from 21 to 19 per cent.

☐ Exports. Export order growth has slowed, but is still *rising — up in manufacturing* from 26 to 28 per cent.

☐ Jobs. Spurred by medium-sized firms with 20-499 employees, job growth was sustained, though companies' expectations suggest that the rate of growth will slow, especially in the service sector.

☐ Investment. Manufacturing investment in plant and machinery is slowing.

☐ Confidence. Manufacturing confidence has stabilised, after dipping in the previous quarter's survey to its lowest level for three years.

Chambers' leaders said the "cautious optimism" offered "reasonable trading prospects" for the year. While growth did not look like returning to the levels of late-1994 or early last year, "neither, though, does it look like freefalling towards recession".

Robin Geldard, BCC president, said: "These figures point towards a better 1996. Adverse movement in domestic sales has stabilised, and exports are holding up, particularly from small firms, though service sector deliveries continue their downward trend. But constraints on growth persist."

Hostility grows to levy for gas users

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

THE Government was last night still weighing whether to impose a levy on 18 million household domestic users to bail out British Gas from loss-making take-or-pay contracts, amid growing resistance from consumer representatives and industry about the effects.

The Gas Consumers Council warned that a levy could cost £46 per family, if the burden, estimated at £1.5 billion, was shared between industry and householders.

Ian Powe, the council's director, said: "Given that VAT adds less than £30 to the average bill — and look what a *fuss that caused — a levy can* be expected to cause political outrage even if it is spread over a few years."

Industrial gas customers claimed that a levy would constitute illegal state aid to British Gas, and they consider legal action under Article 92 of the Treaty of Rome if the Government proceeded.

In a letter to Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, the Energy Intensive Users Group (EIUG), representing companies in the cement, glass, chemicals, steel, paper and other industries, said any levy would be unacceptable.

Ian Blakey, the chairman, wrote: "Even the possibility of the introduction of such a levy will ease the pressure on British Gas to renegotiate its supply contracts with North Sea gas producers." Such pressure was "essential" if the Government was to realise its plans to create a competitive gas market in place of the former British Gas monopoly.

To meet its statutory obligations to maintain the supply of gas to homes and industry British Gas signed long-term contracts worth $40 billion with North Sea gas producers, under which it must pay for gas whether or not it is used. The company now has more gas contracted than it needs because many business customers have signed up with rivals, and last year was obliged to pay £520 million for gas it did not sell.

In draft licences sent to rival shippers this week, the Department of Trade and Industry confirmed it was considering powers to impose a levy, which would be passed on to consumers, to fund part of the contract liabilities.

The delays to the draft shippers' licences may oblige the Government to delay *plans to enable householders* to chose their gas supplier in a pilot area from April 1.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Fokker future hangs in the balance

EFFORTS to save Fokker, the Dutch regional aircraft maker, appeared close to collapse last night after it emerged that the Dutch Government and Daimler-Benz, which controls the company, have failed to make progress on a restructuring plan. The Dutch Government, which owns a minority stake, had turned down a request by Daimler to inject 1 billion guilders (£400 million). Daimler says Fokker needs 2.3 billion guilders of new cash after losing 651 million guilders during the first half. A last ditch meeting between Juergen Schrempp, the Daimler chairman, *and Hans Wijers, the Dutch Economic Minister,* is scheduled for today.

Thousands of British jobs hang upon Fokker's fate. Wings for the company's 80 and 100-seat jets are built by Short Brothers in Belfast, and the planes are powered by Rolls-Royce Tay engines from Derby. But British Aerospace is Fokker's chief rival in civil markets.

Repsol profits strong

REPSOL, the Spanish oil company, reported strong 1995 earnings yesterday to coincide with the launch of a £700 *billion share offer to reduce the Government's stake* from 21 to 10 per cent. Net income last year rose 22 per cent to 117.7 billion pesetas (£626 million), generated largely by gas and chemicals. Repsol is offering 11 per cent of its stock. The offer includes a 4 per cent discount for small investors and an institutional tranche for the UK. The institutional offer price will be fixed on February 5.

Stagecoach pulls ahead

SHARES in Stagecoach, the bus company, rose 11p to 342p yesterday after John Taylor, the Competition and Consumer *Affairs Minister, accepted a finding by the Monopolies and* Mergers Commission that its acquisition of Chesterfield Transport was not expected to operate against the public interest. The MMC report said it had found that the loss of actual competition between Chesterfield and East Midlands Motor Services, Stagecoach's subsidiary in the area, was relatively small.

Disposal by Xerox

XEROX Corp is to sell the rest of its insurance businesses for $2.7 billion, taking a $1.5 billion after-tax charge in connection with the deal, it was announced yesterday. The office machines company is selling the remaining insurance units of Talegen Holdings, its property and casualty insurance group, to investor groups led by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co and the current management. The sales conclude a two-year effort to unload the troubled insurance businesses, which Xerox acquired in the early 1980s.

Dublin theatre swap

BREAK FOR THE BORDER, the restaurant to nightclub group, has agreed to swap Dick's Last Resort in London's Covent Garden for Dublin's Gaiety Theatre. The theatre, which seats 1,185, is expected to show a pre-tax profit for the year to June 30 of Ir£370,000 on turnover of Ir£1.5 million. Break for the Border hopes to raise revenue by the addition of further live music dates during the season when the theatre is not let. There will also be balancing of payments between the group and Gerry O'Reilly, the Gaiety's current owner .

Ofwat seeks changes

THE Ofwat National Customer Council wants more information about the annual rise in bills sent out with the demands and more details of how water consumers can complain. This appeal comes ahead of the next round of bills and just days after Ian Byatt, the water regulator, wrote to the heads of water companies over excessive connection charges. Jim Gardner, chairman of the council, said: "I believe that *there is scope for companies to perform much better in* explaining their charges to their customers."

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Australia $	2.15	1.99
Austria Sch	16.78	15.28
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Cyprus Cyp£ .	0.747	0.692
Denmark Kr ...	9.29	8.49
Finland Mkk ...	7.38	6.73
France Fr	8.07	7.42
Germany Dm .	2.40	2.19
Greece Dr	388.00	363.00
Hong Kong $	12.44	11.44
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.1600	4.5100
Italy Lira	2523.00	2368.00
Japan Yen	174.90	158.90
Malta	0.589	0.534
Netherlds Gld	2.685	2.435
New Zealand $	2.45	2.23
Norway Kr	10.41	9.61
Portugal Esc ..	243.00	224.50
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☐ A case to answer at Caradon ☐ Clarke's credibility grows in base rate tussle ☐ The long shadow of Nigerian fraud

A postcard from the real world

☐ THIS column is not able to bring you the true story of the Caradon affair, although that story, or a fair approximation of it, is circulating around the City. For those on the outside, here are a few undisputed facts, and the best of luck in joining the dots.

In September, days before some dire interim results, Caradon shares took a swift fall amid heavy trading. Forecasts of the poor figures appeared in the Sunday press, and the figures were rushed out.

The Stock Exchange has now examined the matter and sent a report to the Department of Trade and Industry. The inquiry will have taken in a taped conversation between Financial Dynamics, one of the City's biggest public relations agencies, and Robert Fleming. The former is retained by Caradon; the latter has no link with it. Financial Dynamics insists no sensitive information was imparted by that phone call, a fact readily checkable by the authorities.

Also under consideration is the parallel sale of ten million Caradon shares by Fleming's fund management arm, which is separate from its securities business, that same Friday. Two employees of the securities side, who cover the building materials sector including Caradon, are no longer employed by the bank.

There is no causal link established between phone call and share sale — indeed, there is some evidence they may not be connected at all.

Financial Dynamics has already been censured by the City Takeover Panel after price-sensitive information on another client, the builder Amec, leaked into the market.

Thus, the facts. Now some rumour, and an explanation of how things work in the real world. City gossips say the Stock Exchange is keen to collar a public relations firm, any one will do, because it feels they are all playing fast and loose with its rules over disclosure.

In theory, all price-sensitive information should go to everyone at the same time through the City's Topic screens. This rule has been tightened, as witness the rush of trading updates, mostly anodyne, that flood those screens. In practice, the market is steered, massaged, have it how you will, in a number of ways.

For example, analysts scurry away from company briefings and adjust their profit expectations for the year. They then often cross-check with the company itself, via an elaborate pantomime of nods and winks, that they are on the same planet as the company's own views. Analysts are not infallible; in fact, some are pretty thick.

Likewise, if bad news is on the way it is in the company's interest for the market's hopes not to be too high. This must be done without allowing anyone to benefit — this last is important, because if anyone gains financially, it is insider trading.

Even the most mild upset, in today's nervous market, can send share prices off by 20 per cent or more, a quite unjustified response. It is in no one's interests, investors, companies or the City, for share prices to rock up and down like Yo-Yos on any slight hiccup in trading.

Eddie rues the day

☐ WILL Eddie George's reputation ever recover from giving Ken Clarke the wrong advice on interest rates last May?

Ever since the Chancellor gamely refused to raise rates and

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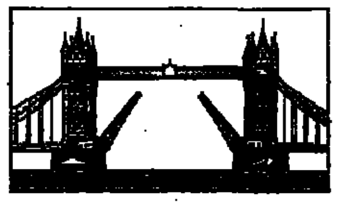


was proved right by the economic evidence, Mr George has struggled. Interest rate futures have soared, discounting more rate cuts to come. He must rue the day he agreed to an open and accountable system of monetary policy-making.

The Governor refused to comment on yesterday's rate cut, seeking refuge instead in the system of publishing minutes of monetary meetings six weeks later. The idea was always that by keeping the content of his pow-wows with the Chancellor secret for a while, the authorities could avoid undue speculation.

But psychology doesn't work that way and nor does the Chancellor. If he has something to say, he says it. That is fine if you are on the side of the angels, and palpably embarrassing when you are bedevilled, as the Treasury Select Committee said of Mr George this week, with a reputation for being too pessimistic about inflation.

It seems that, once one man gets the upper hand, his power in the decision-making process grows exponentially. After May's misjudgment, it was almost impossible for Mr George to advise strongly against the Chancellor's instincts without risking a further loss of credibility. And having been right once, the Chancellor is that much more likely to defy his Governor.

From the reaction of the markets yesterday, it is the Chancellor's rate-cutting instincts which are again being applauded. The futures markets are already looking for another quarter point cut by the end of March and another by June.

If Mr George's credibility is in question, that of Tony Blair seems assured. The markets see interest rates of 6.75 per cent as far off as December 1997, when Mr Blair may have his feet up in 10 Downing Street. This hardly suggests a panic reaction to a Labour victory — but perhaps that is because Mr George will probably still be there.

A fool and his money . . .

☐ NEVER underestimate the power of human stupidity — and human greed. Surely anyone, at least anyone who has not spent the past five years in a Tibetan lamasery or exploring the Marianas trench by submersible, knows about Nigerian advance payment frauds.

Yet still they pop through the letter-box, suggesting instant and pain-free riches if the "investor" helps the fraudster to get at piles of cash unaccountably tied up in Nigeria, and still they find their victims. What most letters are saying is, let us at your bank account and we will put money in. Expressed that way, it is perhaps not too surprising that the money goes the other way.

The pattern of fraud is changing. Now, rather than being based in Nigeria and fleecing British idiots, the fraudsters set up a base in London through which to fleece idiots in other countries. This makes life more difficult for the police, required to chase the crooks through different jurisdictions, a point made recently by George Staples at the SFO. Not much help is on hand from the Nigerian Government, probably because the fraud runs all the way to the top.

Perhaps we are trying too hard. The judge at yesterday's trial of five convicted fraudsters made it clear that anyone taking them up on their claims must have known they themselves were embarking on a crime. The message is thus: any promise of unearned riches is a rip-off, anything promising ditto and mentioning Nigeria, doubly so. You have been warned. Anyone caught out in future has only themselves to blame.

Frozen accounts

☐ TIME was when building societies put up the shutters when they were running out of cash. Now a clutch of them, including the Alliance & Leicester and most recently the Bristol & West, have been turning the stuff away, overwhelmed by all the speculative fervour. The beneficiaries are the banks, presumably, in for a nifty windfall from investors desperate for somewhere to put their dosh.

Hamleys reports festive record

By Sarah Bagnall

HAMLEYS, the toy retailer, yesterday said its flagship Regent Street store had a record Christmas, while Laura Ashley announced good UK sales in the run-up to Christmas.

Hamleys reported a 5.9 per cent rise in like-for-like sales at its stores in Regent Street, Heathrow, Covent Garden and the Skyflyers operation. After a slightly disappointing November, the Regent Street store saw strong sales in December and recorded its best single day's sales on Friday December 22.

New store openings at the Channel Tunnel and Schiphol airport in Holland, helped Hamleys' other operations to lift sales 35.9 per cent, a performance offset by falling revenues from Skyflyers. The group said gross margins had been maintained.

Laura Ashley, the fabrics and clothing retailer, saw like-for-like sales rise 4.8 per cent in the eight weeks leading up to Christmas. The performance reflects a 12.2 per cent advance in like-for-like sales in the UK, offset by a 7.7 per cent decline in North America. The sales were achieved at the expense of margins but the impact was negated by cost savings elsewhere in the group.

Meanwhile, Thorntons reported a like-for-like sales advance in its own shops of 8.5 per cent in the four weeks to Christmas Eve. Refitted stores achieved an even larger advance of 15.6 per cent. Franchises fared less well, lifting underlying sales 2 per cent.

IBM surprises with best earnings for over a decade

From Richard Thomson in New York

IBM, the computer company, has turned in its best performance for more than a decade, exceeding Wall Street's highest earnings estimates and confirming its recovery is back on track.

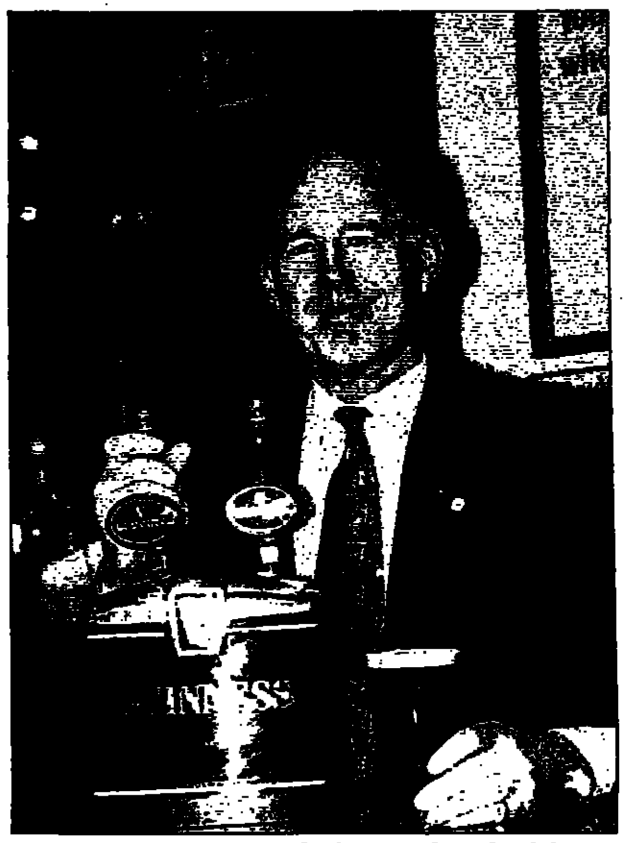
The results show that the company's dramatic change of strategy under Lou Gerstner, its chairman, is beginning to pay off handsomely. While profits were negligible in the highly competitive and low margin personal computer market which IBM helped to start in the early 1980s, its venture into computer networkng and corporate mainframe systems is proving highly profitable. This is helping to revive the company after it seemed to have lost its way in the 1990s.

During the fourth quarter of 1995 the company's revenues rose 10 per cent to $21.9 billion, while earnings were $2.0 billion compared with analysts' estimates of about $1.7 billion. For the whole year, earnings more than doubled from $3 billion to $6.3 billion, excluding a one-off charge from the acquisition of Lotus, the software company that IBM bought last year. Revenues for the year rose 12 per cent to $71.9 billion.

Mr Gerstner said: "Our 1995 revenues were a record, with the best rate of revenue growth since 1984." The results show that the company has recovered from the late delivery of some products last summer which damaged its performance in the third quarter.

Mr Gerstner also said that the controversial purchase of Lotus for $3 billion was paying off, despite high-level staff deffections and problems with integrating Lotus into the IBM culture. The purchase was designed to boost IBM's software operations and during the last quarter 1.2 million copies of the Lotus Notes networking programme were sold. Over the last six months it has sold more of the Notes program than in the previous six-year history of the product, Mr Gerstner said.

However, analysts said the outlook for this year may not be so good. Bill Milton, of Brown Brothers, said: "There will definitely be a less benign operating environment than there has been for the last two years." The slowing economy would dampen spending on coporate computing and reduce demand for personal computers. Income from overseas, which provides about 60 per cent of IBM revenues, was also likely to fall.



Tony Greener: aiming for improved productivity

City dismay at £39m Guinness write-off

By Alasdair Murray

GUINNESS, the drinks company, shocked the market yesterday by revealing it would take a further £39 million restructuring charge in its year-end results.

The company said it would write-off £29 million to improve productivity at its Spanish subsidiary Cruzcampo, and a £10 million charge at United Distillers to make further cost reductions. It also revealed that difficult trading conditions in Japan had resulted in profits being £10 million below forecasts.

The share price slipped back 14.5p to 474.5p as the City reacted angrily to the latest write-offs, which bring restructuring costs to a total of £64 million for 1995. Analysts immediately downgraded their 1995 profit estimates to below £900 million.

The latest write-offs at Cruzcampo come after a £72 million provision in 1992 for a three-year restructurng plan. Guinness paid £500 million for the company in 1990 but has been hit by a big drop in demand for beer in Spain.

Tony Greener, chairman of Guinness, said: "The additional charges reflect our continued determination to take the necessary action to raise productivity and operational efficiency, which will pay back to shareholders in improved profitability and competitive effectiveness."

The company added that trading conditions in Europe remained difficult, although volume and profit were ahead in the UK and Spain. But Guinness Brewing Worldwide reported good trading, while United Distillers has performed well in emerging markets and Australia.

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Manweb seeks more industrial customers

By Christine Buckley

MANWEB is to press ahead with building up industrial customers under ScottishPower, its new parent, to redress a 45 per cent loss of commercial business.

Mike Kinski, the chief executive of the northwestern electricity company that serves a large commercial base, said that the strategy would be as much geared to offering industrial users the type of deal they wanted as to price.

ScottishPower yesterday confirmed the job losses at Manweb that it outlined at the time of acquisition last October. It said that the action, which will be complete by March, will have cut the workforce by 37 per cent since last March to 2,800. Between April and September last year, more than 1,000 employees left Manweb.

Annual cost-saving estimates of £92 million are predicted for 1997-98 after ScottishPower absorbs exceptional costs of £42.7 million. These will be taken in the forthcoming half-year to the end of March.

Ian Robinson, the chief executive of ScottishPower, said that the acquisiton of Manweb would be earnings enhancing in the 1996-97 financial year and that the dividend for the 1995-96 year would be 15.5p, an increase of 13.6 per cent.

Accounting change hits McDonnell

McDONNELL DOUGLAS, the military and commercial aircraft manufacturer, plunged into loss during 1995 after an accounting change forced the company to make a $1.8 billion one-off charge (Richard Thomson writes from New York).

However, before accounting for the charge the results show that business was strong during the year, supporting the company's decision to remain independent for the time after the collapse of its merger talks with Boeing.

Without the charge, earnings rose 13 per cent to $187 million, thanks partly to a record year for the company's military aircraft business. After the charge, however, there was a $936 million loss for the fourth quarter of last year, and the loss for the year was $416 million.

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Shares scale the peaks after interest rate cut

SHARES resumed their bull *run as the market* celebrated the Bank of England's surprise 0.25 per cent cut in base rates to 6.25 per cent by surging to records.

The London market was revitalised as the latest interest rate cut combined with renewed corporate activity, firmer gilts and hopes of further rate cuts. There was genuine support for the market, although dealers said trading conditions were "squeezy", with shares pushed higher as market-makers scrambled to cover their positions amid an absence of sellers.

A positive start to trading on Wall Street helped further bolster sentiment in London. The FT-SE 100 index surged 45.5 points to touch a new intra-day peak of 3,749.7 before slipping back a little to end 44.5 up at a record close of 3,748.7. Volume, boosted by a couple of late buy programmes, reached 945.6 million shares.

Among leading shares, **British Aerospace** surged *29½p higher to* 864½p, with strong demand after broker recommendations and reports that Britain and Germany had reached agreement on 230 Eurofighters, expected to result in about earnings of £10 billion for British industry.

Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, set the tone by reiterat*ing its buy recommendation* on BAe and suggesting a break-up value of £12 a share and a medium-term target price of £10.50.

BAe, which has a 20 per cent interest in the Airbus consor*tium, continues to be buoyed* by three-pronged support from defence order hopes, more Airbus orders and optimism ahead of the flotation of Orange, the mobile phone network where BAe has a 32 per cent stake.

The City gave its support as UniChem launched an anticipated but higher-than-expected agreed offer for Lloyds Chemists, Britain's second biggest high street chemist. Shares in **Lloyds Chemists** surged by 35p, or nearly 10 per cent, to 401p, on volume of *20.6 million shares, giving* a two-day rise of 110p. **UniChem** added 19½p to 258½p. The rise values the offer at 422p a share or £546.8 million. The deal, which will create the country's largest retail pharmacy chain and the UK's biggest drugs wholesaler, had been expected but was well received by *analysts who talked of good* commercial logic and potential cost savings.

Staying with bids, **Forte** rose 4p to 381½p, as volume swelled to 59.5 million shares, with many brokers expecting *Granada to win control of the* prestigious hotels and restaurants group. However, the bid is still finely poised and Mercury Asset Management, the fund manager that has built up a near 15 per cent stake in Forte and is due to meet with *both parties today*, will play a key role in determining the winner of the £3.8 billion bid battle. **Granada**, which has lifted its stake in Forte to 9.9 per cent, added 3p to 696p, on volume of 8.04 million. The offer closes on Tuesday.

Elsewhere, persistent bid speculation returned to lift ***Vaux Group**, the Sunderland*-based brewer to Swallow Hotels and nursing homes group, by 10p to 299p, with those favoured to launch a bid including **Wolverhampton & Dudley**, unchanged at 592p, and **Bass**, where *Goldman* Sachs remains positive, 6½p higher at 734½p. Elsewhere, **GRE**, favoured as a bid target among the composite insurers, climbed 3½p to 274½p, and **Ladbroke**, another takeover favourite, firmed 4p to 164p.

The banks were driven higher by the interest rate cut and a recent string of broker recommendations and upgrades as the latest batch of American bank figures prompted *UK* brokers to rerate the sector.

HSBC, which owns Midland, added 29p to £10.52½ as positive comment from SBC Warburg and NatWest offset news of a $42 million fraud at the group's HongKongBank *unit in Indonesia*. ***Standard** Chartered*, seen as a possible bid candidate, advanced 16p to 591p after positive noises and an upgrade from SBC Warburg. **Royal Bank of Scotland**, also seen as a bid *candidate, gained 14p to 571p* as Lord Younger, chairman, told the annual meeting he expects 1996 to be a year of reasonable economic growth and low inflation.

Guinness was the biggest casualty *among* leading shares, falling 14½p to 474½p, or 2.97 per cent, on volume of 10.6 million shares, after the group announced a further £39 million restructuring charge, mainly relating to *Spain. The news prompted* a number of brokers to downgrade profits, with some current year estimates cut by £40 million to below £900 million.

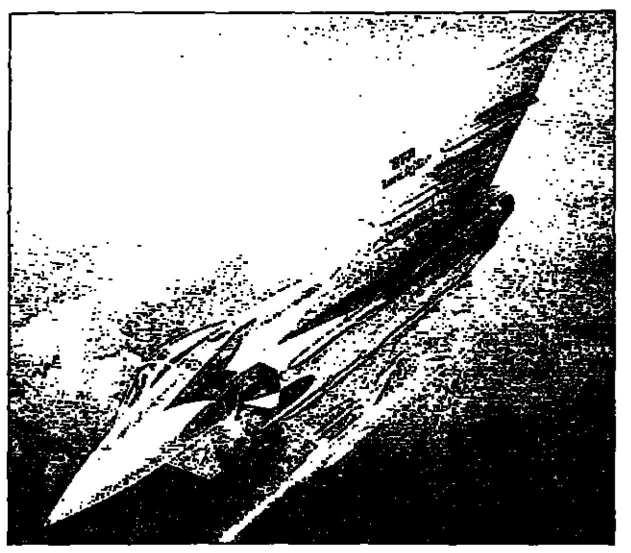
British Gas continued its retreat, sliding to 247p before *ending down 2p to 253p, on* heavy volume of 28.4 million shares traded. The shares have been depressed by concerns about unprofitable gas supply contracts and a tough line on pricing from Ofgas, the industry regulator. Goldman Sachs joined the growing list of brokers turning negative on *the group*.

The petrol price war sparked by Esso, the UK's biggest petrol retailer, and Shell, the second largest retailer, continued to depress the major players and supermar*ket groups, but took a heavier* toll on independent retailers such as **Frost Group**, down 16p at 155p, giving a two-day loss of 26p.

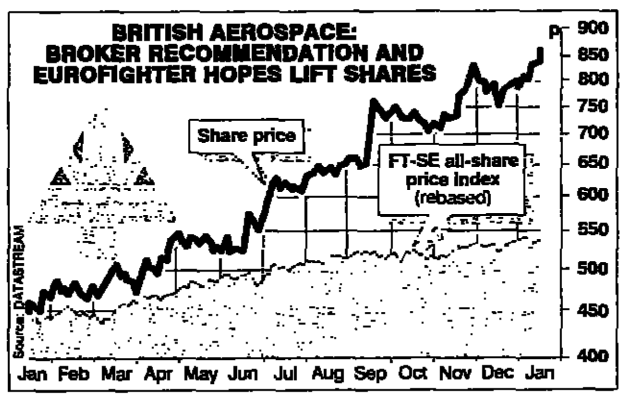
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The timing of the rate cut caught many by *surprise and led to prices* being squeezed higher as the market looks for further rate cuts. The March long gilt future added 19 ticks to £112 13/32, on heavy volume of 102,000 contracts. Among conventional stocks, gains ranged from £1½ to £5⅝ for issues over five years. Longs added £5⅝, *though shorts fared better in* terms of yield. Index-linked saw prices rise £1⅛.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares were higher at midday after conciliatory comments on budget negotiations by President *Clinton. The Dow Jones in*dustrial average was 18.07 points ahead at 5,084.97.

Lloyds TSB rose 14½p to 340½p as greater optimism about margins prompted Merrill Lynch to upgrade its profit forecasts and reiterate its buy stance. Merrill has raised its 1996 forecast *for Lloyds TSB by 6 per cent, from £2.1 billion to £2.24 billion,* with 1997's estimate up from £2.3 billion to £2.5 billion.



Agreement on the Eurofighter helped BAe shares to soar



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	5084.97 (+18.07)
S&P Composite	605.27 (-1.10)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	20370.04 (-200.22)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10536.49 (-57.33)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	504.93 (-0.07)
Sydney:	
AO	2250.4 (+0.1)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2380.90 (+9.60)
Singapore:	
Straits	2396.27 (+6.21)
Brussels:	
General	8830.99 (+47.83)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1960.06 (-3.64)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	728.20 (+3.90)
London:	
FT 30	2773.5 (+20.2)
FT 100	3748.7 (+44.5)
FT-SE Mid 250	4058.2 (+22.6)
FT-SE-A 350	1857.43 (+19.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1537.45 (+12.09)
FT A All-Share	1829.71 (+18.11)
FT Non Financials	1930.64 (+15.96)
FT Fixed Interest	114.89 (+0.02)
FT Govt Secs	96.34 (+0.37)
Bargains	40027
SEAQ Volume	945.6m
USM (Datastrm)	192.52 (+2.81)
US$	1.5230 (-0.0065)
German Mark	2.2376 (-0.0014)
Exchange Index	83.0 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1848
£:SDR	1.0448
RPI	150.7 Dec (3.2%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.6 Dec (3.0%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Century Inns	116	+ 1
Cox Insurance	113	...
Crown Products	55	...
Dmatek	73	+ 1
Jupiter Split Cap	85½	...
Jupiter Split Inc	98¼	...
Jupiter Split Units	#59	...
Mountcashel	¼	...
Northern Petroleum	76	...
Nthn Petlm Wrts	8	...
Revelation Plcc	100	...
Rushmere Wynne	3½	...
SkyePharma B Wrts	6¼	- ¼
Unicorn Intl (133)	146	...
Victrex	251	+ 2
Viewinn	135	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Eleco Hldgs n/p (28)	1	...
Persona n/p (225)	23	- 2
Ransomes n/p (48)	7	...
SWP Group n/p (2½)	1½	...
Seafield Res n/p (65)	27	...
SkyePharma n/p (4)	4	...
Sutcliffe Spk n/p (25)	3	...
Westbury n/p (150)	33	+ 5
Western Sel n/p (14)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Vibroplant	92p (+9p)
Lloyds Chem	401p (+35p)
Geest	237p (+18p)
Tottenhm Hot	254p (+14p)
Eurodis Elec	312p (+17p)
Yorkshire TV	722p (+35p)
Mersey Docks	427p (+19p)
Inchcape	273p (+12p)
David Smith	270p (+11p)
Courtauld Text	413p (+14p)
Stagecoach	342p (+11p)
Williams Hldgs	343p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Frost Group	155p (-16p)
GGT Group	*211p (-19p)*
Psion	725p (-33p)
JJB Sports	602p (-16p)
John Menzies	618p (-13p)
Micro Focus	593p (-10p)
REXAM	388p (-7p)

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TEMPUS

Sell Forte in the market

FORTE has done a good job defending itself from Granada. Over and above the predictable bad-mouthing of conglomerates and upstart caterers, the once-sleepy hotels group has found itself a strategy. Cupboards have been opened to public view and there are indications that the interests of all the *shareholders will in future take priority over* the very personal interest of a few.

But for the strategy to be credible, the company must be prepared to cast a cold eye on all of its assets. That means selling the low yielding "Exclusive" hotel properties while retaining management contracts which gen*erate higher returns. The proposed sale of the* roadside restaurants will make Forte a higher-risk investment. Success requires that a former collector of hotels transforms itself into a management company with a sideline in opportunistic *property investment*. That implies a huge change in culture in a company still run by the same team but investors who opt for Granada paper also run risks. Claims that Granada can generate £100 million of cost-savings look optimstic when it intends to shed two thirds of the Forte assets, *a difficult task for* a vendor under pressure in an illiquid hotel market. Granada has a good track record in cost-cutting but it has yet to demonstrate the selling skills of a Hanson.

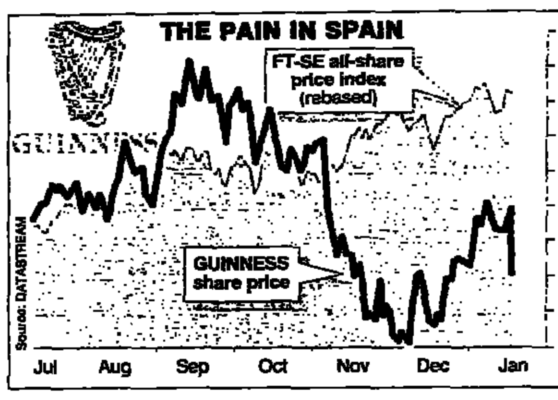
There is a third route that offers *certain* gain and no risk. The market was yesterday offering 383p per Forte share compared with Granada's cash alternative of 362p or 373p for non-taxpayers. By selling in the market, investors can pocket gains, leaving the option to reinvest at a lower price in either New Forte or Granada when the dust has settled.

Guinness

GUINNESS seems intent on proving that the company is not very good for you — or at least for your wallet. A litany of bad news includes Sep*tember's announcement* of restructuring costs at United Distillers, margin problems disclosed in November and yesterday's revelation of further provisions to pay for restructuring at United Dis*tillers and Cruzcampo*, its Spanish subsidiary. The share price plunged again as profit forecasts were trimmed to below £900 million, £50 million adrift from bullish mid-year estimates.

The Spanish restructuring costs were especially disappointing. Guinness wrote off £78 million in 1992 for a cost-cutting programme that was only completed in December 1995 and included the closure of three breweries and the loss of 1,000 jobs. Guinness now reveals that its initial estimates of overcapacity were wrong, a sin committed by many *UK* brewers over the past few years. The new cuts should be sufficient and Guinness will benefit from improving market conditions.

Margins could still be under pressure this year but the long-term health of the group remains assured. The strength of its brand names and its marketing clout are *undiminished and it is making* good progress in emerging markets. Guinness is still a quality brew and a little pain now will yield long-term benefits. Recent weakness could provide a buying opportunity.



UniChem

THE creation of the largest chain of chemists in Britain might give cause for alarm if UniChem's ambition was to take on Boots. Thankfully, the *pharmacy wholesaler* has an altogether different strategy and one that could be more attractive to investors than Boots' drugs to deodorants supermarkets.

The rebranded Moss out*lets tend to be in residential* rather than town centre locations and will concentrate on pills and potions rather than toiletries. The strategy takes advantage of the Government's policy shift towards self-administered healthcare and the consequential focus by drugs companies on over-the-counter versions of prescription drugs.

UniChem's retail chain will therefore have more of the characteristics of a continental pharmacy than Boots, with its acres of shelves *devoted to soaps and* sandwiches.

A strategy based on OTC drugs should give UniChem more protection than Boots which is threatened by the grocers with sales of typical chemists' products such as vitamins, which can be sold without the need for a qualified pharmacist.

Recent sales figures suggest that the UniChem strategy works as Moss enjoyed significantly better organic sales growth than Boots or *Lloyds, and retail margins on* OTC drugs are better than more widely sold medicines. Earnings enhancement could be in double digits this year, and investors will do well to take UniChem shares.

ScottishPower

SCOTTISHPOWER is hoping for big gains from the integration of Manweb. There are obvious savings from knitting together the two power groups, such as a common engineering strate*gy, administration and com*puter systems.

More significant is the price paid for Manweb wich looks a steal in the light of subsequent deals. ScottishPower paid £9.90p a share, a valuation that looks positively miserly compared with the £11.70p offered for Seeboard by the American utility, Central and South West Corporation.

ScottishPower also benefits from a vertically integrated haven in which it is protected *from new suppliers. National* Power and PowerGen must look with envy at Scottish which enjoyed a trouble-free swoop on Manweb while they were hauled before the MMC over their courtship of Midlands and Southern.

Scottish has achieved more cost-savings from Manweb. In addition to the £61 million cited by Manweb in its defence, the new owner has extracted £31 million by squeezing together distribution, sales, marketing and other joint facilities.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	908-907	May	1026-1025
May	933-932	Jul	unq
Jul	953-952	Sep	...
Sep	973-972	Dec	...
Dec	990-989		
Mar	1013-1012	Volume:	4625

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1965-1932	Sep	1610-1608
Mar	1852-1851	Nov	1595-1590
May	1688-1687	Jan	1575-1560
Jul	1625-1624	Volume:	6255

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	306.3-05.5
Spot: 378.6		Dec	300.3-99.0
Mar	359.3-58.0	Mar	299.8-98.5
May	345.6-44.5	May	298.5-97.1
Aug	331.0-30.5	Volume:	375.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	101.75	121.33	118.02
(+/-)	-1.12	+5.91	-0.74
Eng/Wales:	101.75	122.57	117.18
(+/-)	-1.12	+6.34	-0.73
(%)	n/c	-13.0	-23.0
Scotland:	unq	118.16	121.64
(+/-)		-5.03	-1.74
(%)		-3.0	-2.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.95	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.25	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.75	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	*18.25*	*+0.45*
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	17.90	+0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas 15	B: 168 (+1)	O: 170 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	165 (+2)	167 (+3)
Non EEC IH Feb	162 (+3)	165 (+3)
Non EEC IH Mar	158 (+2)	161 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	98 (+1)	100 (+1)
Naphtha	167 (+3)	169 (+3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Feb	160.00-60.25	May	149.75-50.00
Mar	155.75-56.00	Jun	148.75-49.00
Apr	152.00-52.25	Vol:	21025

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	17.23-17.25	Jun	16.27 BID
Apr	16.75-16.79	Jul	16.15-16.15
May	16.46-16.50	Vol:	25465

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	120.75	Jan	113.40
Mar	121.40	Mar	113.90
May	123.40	May	116.00
Jul	125.40	Sep	107.00
Sep	111.50	Nov	109.10
Volume:	546	Volume:	115

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	200.0
Apr	192.5	197.3
May	unq	206.0
	Volume:	181

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Feb 107.75-106.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 96	1555	1530	1541
Feb 96	1550	1503	1530
Mar 96	1510	1501	1510
Apr 96	1525	1481	1481
Vol: 308 lots		Open interest: 4221	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2619.0-2621.0	2498.0-2499.0	1636375
Lead ($/tonne)	724.00-725.00	712.50-713.00	240225
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1041.0-1042.0	1061.0-1061.5	374850
Tin ($/tonne)	6280.0-6285.0	6305.0-6310.0	24791
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1573.0-1575.0	1593.0-1597.5	1276525
Nickel ($/tonne)	8180.0-8190.0	8255.0-8265.0	79404

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom	500	52	58	64[illegible]	6[illegible]	11[illegible]	14
(*539)	550	19[illegible]	28	36[illegible]	24	33[illegible]	36
Argyll	330	30	35[illegible]	40	7	13[illegible]	16[illegible]
(*347½)	360	13[illegible]	19[illegible]	25	20[illegible]	28[illegible]	31[illegible]
ASDA	110	8	11[illegible]	13[illegible]	5[illegible]	7	8
(*112½)	120	4	7	9	11	12[illegible]	14[illegible]
Boots	550	59[illegible]	67[illegible]	74	4	10[illegible]	14
(*597½)	600	21[illegible]	34[illegible]	42[illegible]	20	29[illegible]	33[illegible]
Br Airways	500	38	47	54[illegible]	4[illegible]	17[illegible]	21[illegible]
(*521)	550	12[illegible]	21[illegible]	30	34[illegible]	43	46[illegible]
BP	500	36	46	51	7[illegible]	12[illegible]	16
(*527)	550	9[illegible]	20	26	32[illegible]	37	40[illegible]
Br Steel	160	12[illegible]	15	17	5[illegible]	10[illegible]	12
(*164½)	180	4	6	8	17[illegible]	23[illegible]	24[illegible]
C & W	420	49[illegible]	56	65	1[illegible]	13	16[illegible]
(*456½)	460	24	33	42[illegible]	20[illegible]	29[illegible]	33
CU	600	38	46[illegible]	53[illegible]	22	28	35[illegible]
(*619½)	650	14	24	31[illegible]	53[illegible]	57	64
ICI	800	41	54[illegible]	64	24[illegible]	34	42
(*822)	850	16[illegible]	31	40[illegible]	54[illegible]	62	69[illegible]
Kingfishr	500	50[illegible]	62[illegible]	70	6[illegible]	15[illegible]	20
(*545)	550	23	32[illegible]	42	27	37	42[illegible]
Land Sec	600	37[illegible]	44[illegible]	49	6[illegible]	17	19[illegible]
(*623)	650	10[illegible]	17	22[illegible]	30[illegible]	45	49[illegible]
M & S	420	37[illegible]	43	48	5	10	12[illegible]
(*446½)	460	13[illegible]	19[illegible]	26	21[illegible]	28[illegible]	30[illegible]
Nat West	650	34[illegible]	49[illegible]	58	25[illegible]	34	42
(*667½)	700	15	27[illegible]	36[illegible]	57	63[illegible]	70[illegible]
Sainsbury	390	37	42	48	5	10	12[illegible]
(*417½)	420	17[illegible]	24	30[illegible]	15	23	25[illegible]
Shell	800	52[illegible]	58	68	12	16	22
(*839½)	850	20	29[illegible]	36[illegible]	35	39[illegible]	44[illegible]
Smkl Bch	700	30[illegible]	44[illegible]	57	23	31	36
(*702½)	750	11[illegible]	22	34[illegible]	55	61	64
Storehse	280	23[illegible]	30	34[illegible]	6	10	12[illegible]
(*294)	300	13	18[illegible]	23[illegible]	14	19	21[illegible]
Trafalgar	25	7	8[illegible]	10	2	3[illegible]	4[illegible]
(*29½)	30	4[illegible]	6[illegible]	8	4[illegible]	6	7
Unilever	1350	41[illegible]	55	78	38	48	48
(*1352½)	1400	19	32	53	70	77[illegible]	77
Zeneca	1250	69[illegible]	93	112[illegible]	36	49[illegible]	59[illegible]
(*1279½)	1300	44	66	85[illegible]	62[illegible]	75[illegible]	83[illegible]
	Series	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Grnd Met	420	37[illegible]	49	57[illegible]	2[illegible]	6[illegible]	12
(*454)	460	10[illegible]	24[illegible]	34	15[illegible]	21[illegible]	27[illegible]
Ladbroke	160	12[illegible]	19[illegible]	22[illegible]	6	14	18[illegible]
(*164½)	180	5[illegible]	11[illegible]	14[illegible]	18	26	29[illegible]
Utd Bisc	340	18[illegible]	23[illegible]	29[illegible]	2[illegible]	9	12
(*354)	360	7	15	19[illegible]	11	20	22[illegible]

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	480	43	51	58[illegible]	4	10	12
(*492½)	500	16[illegible]	26	34	18[illegible]	25[illegible]	28
Thames W	500	49[illegible]	57	61[illegible]	4	14[illegible]	18
(*537)	550	18	27	33	22[illegible]	39	42
	Series	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
BAT Ind	550	37	45	53[illegible]	4[illegible]	10[illegible]	16[illegible]
(*580)	600	9[illegible]	20	30	26[illegible]	44	52[illegible]
BTR	330	12	17[illegible]	21[illegible]	4	12[illegible]	15
(*336)	360	1	5	9[illegible]	24	32[illegible]	34[illegible]
Br Aero	800	70	87[illegible]	100	3[illegible]	18	27
(*862)	850	33	57[illegible]	80[illegible]	16[illegible]	37	47
Br Telcm	360	24[illegible]	34	41	1[illegible]	5[illegible]	11[illegible]
(*381½)	390	5	15	23	12[illegible]	17[illegible]	25[illegible]
Cadbury	500	51[illegible]	58	68	2[illegible]	12	17[illegible]
(*547)	550	15	27[illegible]	39[illegible]	16[illegible]	33	38[illegible]
Guinness	460	20[illegible]	29[illegible]	37	4[illegible]	16	21[illegible]
(*473)	500	3	11	18[illegible]	26	40	43
GEC	360	16	25[illegible]	32	5[illegible]	11[illegible]	17[illegible]
(*369)	390	3	11	17	23	27	34
Hanson	191	10[illegible]	—	—	1	—	—
(*200)	211	3	—	—	10	—	—
LASMO	160	14[illegible]	18[illegible]	23[illegible]	1[illegible]	5	7
(*171½)	180	3	8	13	10	14	16[illegible]
Lucas	180	10	15[illegible]	20	3	7[illegible]	9
(*186)	200	2	6	11	15	18[illegible]	21
Pilkingtn	191	9	15[illegible]	20	4[illegible]	7[illegible]	11[illegible]
(*194½)	210	2	7	11[illegible]	16[illegible]	19[illegible]	22[illegible]
Prudential	420	25[illegible]	32[illegible]	44	5	16[illegible]	24[illegible]
(*437½)	460	6	13[illegible]	26	25[illegible]	39	40[illegible]
Redland	330	29[illegible]	37[illegible]	40[illegible]	1[illegible]	10	12
(*356)	360	10	19	23[illegible]	11	24	27
R-Royce	200	7[illegible]	13[illegible]	18	5[illegible]	11[illegible]	14
(*201½)	220	1	6	10	19	24[illegible]	26
Tesco	300	14	19[illegible]	23[illegible]	4[illegible]	15	16[illegible]
(*309)	330	2[illegible]	5[illegible]	10	22	29[illegible]	33[illegible]
Vodafone	220	9[illegible]	14	23[illegible]	6	11[illegible]	15
(*221½)	240	2[illegible]	10	15	19	23	26[illegible]
Williams	330	16	23	26[illegible]	2[illegible]	10	13
(*341½)	360	2	8[illegible]	12[illegible]	19	29[illegible]	30

FT-SE INDEX (*3747)

	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850
Calls						
Jan	152[illegible]	102[illegible]	52[illegible]	10[illegible]	1	1
Feb	171	126[illegible]	87	53[illegible]	29	13[illegible]
Mar	199	149	110[illegible]	78[illegible]	53	34
Apr	186[illegible]	159	128	97	73	52[illegible]
Jun	227[illegible]	—	161	—	106[illegible]	—
Puts						
Jan	1	1	1	8[illegible]	52	103
Feb	6	12	22[illegible]	39[illegible]	67	104[illegible]
Mar	19[illegible]	28[illegible]	42	59[illegible]	85	118
Apr	38[illegible]	50[illegible]	68[illegible]	87[illegible]	114	143[illegible]
Jun	60[illegible]	—	91	—	136[illegible]	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	650	32[illegible]	44[illegible]	55	25	34[illegible]	47[illegible]
(*660½)	700	11	23[illegible]	34	58[illegible]	65[illegible]	72[illegible]
Amstrad	180	15[illegible]	23	26[illegible]	10[illegible]	14	16
(*184)	200	7	15	19	22	25[illegible]	27
Barclays	750	37	51	61[illegible]	20	31[illegible]	38[illegible]
(*769)	800	13	26[illegible]	36[illegible]	52	60[illegible]	66[illegible]
Blue Circ	330	19	26	31[illegible]	8[illegible]	20	22
(*337½)	360	6	13	19[illegible]	26	37[illegible]	40
Br Gas	240	19	22[illegible]	25	4	11[illegible]	14[illegible]
(*252½)	260	9[illegible]	14	18	13[illegible]	21[illegible]	25[illegible]
Dixons	390	34	45[illegible]	51[illegible]	7[illegible]	13	18
(*419)	420	17	29[illegible]	39[illegible]	19[illegible]	26	31[illegible]
Forte	360	25	27	30	4	9[illegible]	10[illegible]
(*382)	390	6	9	10[illegible]	16	19[illegible]	23
Tarmac	100	12[illegible]	15[illegible]	17	2[illegible]	5	6[illegible]
(*109)	110	6[illegible]	9[illegible]	12[illegible]	6[illegible]	10	11[illegible]
Hillsdwn	160	21	22[illegible]	23[illegible]	1	4[illegible]	6[illegible]
(*179½)	180	7	10	12	7[illegible]	13[illegible]	16[illegible]
Lonrho	200	9[illegible]	16	21	8	11[illegible]	13
(*203)	220	2[illegible]	7[illegible]	12	21[illegible]	23[illegible]	25
Sears	90	10	12	13	1	2[illegible]	3[illegible]
(*99½)	100	3[illegible]	5[illegible]	7	4[illegible]	7	8
Thorn	1600	92	137	161	25	42[illegible]	64[illegible]
(*1647½)	1700	39[illegible]	84[illegible]	107	73	90[illegible]	112
Tomkins	260	17[illegible]	25[illegible]	29[illegible]	5	9[illegible]	14
(*273)	280	7	15	19	15	19[illegible]	24
Lloyds TSB	322	25	29[illegible]	—	7	11[illegible]	—
(*341)	352	8[illegible]	14[illegible]	—	23	27[illegible]	—
	Series	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo W	900	40[illegible]	59[illegible]	71	32[illegible]	41	52[illegible]
(*911)	950	18	36	47[illegible]	63	70[illegible]	80[illegible]
HSBC	1000	82	90	115	26	40	51
(*1055½)	1050	50[illegible]	71	87[illegible]	48[illegible]	63[illegible]	72[illegible]
Reuter	600	41[illegible]	57[illegible]	70[illegible]	18	26	32
(*621½)	650	17[illegible]	33[illegible]	45[illegible]	45	52	57[illegible]
	Series	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Royal Ins	390	22	33[illegible]	41	21[illegible]	29	34[illegible]
(*395½)	420	10	21[illegible]	29	41	47	52[illegible]
	Series	**Mar**	**Jun**		**Mar**	**Jun**	
Fisons	260	5	5	—	3[illegible]	6[illegible]	—
(*265)	280	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	16	18	—
	Series	**Feb**	**May**		**Feb**	**May**	
Eastrn Gp	950	31	45	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
(*975)	1000	[illegible]	7[illegible]	—	29	25	—
	Series	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Natl Pwr	420	31[illegible]	42[illegible]	47[illegible]	5	13[illegible]	19
(*441½)	460	10[illegible]	21	27	22[illegible]	33[illegible]	39[illegible]
Scot Pwr	360	26[illegible]	35	47[illegible]	4[illegible]	9	11[illegible]
(*384)	390	9[illegible]	17[illegible]	23[illegible]	17[illegible]	21[illegible]	27[illegible]

January 18, 1996 Tot: 64477 Call: 44252 Put: 24185 FT-SE Call: 13320 Put: 6748

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 63529	Mar 96	3727.0	3780.0	3723.0	3772.0	18605
	Jun 96	3729.0	3775.0	3729.0	3775.0	124
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3412	Mar 96	4077.0	4077.0	4061.5	4080.0	50
	Jun 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 363734	Mar 96	93.77	93.96	93.76	93.96	46665
	Jun 96	93.95	94.18	93.92	94.18	59672
	Sep 96	93.97	94.23	93.94	94.23	42913
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 0	Mar 96				94.72	0
	n/a					
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1051960	Mar 96	96.62	96.67	96.61	96.65	32185
	Jun 96	96.79	96.83	96.76	96.81	34247
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 145399	Mar 96	111-27	112-16	111-19	112-13	102743
	Jun 96	111-30	111-32	111-08	111-24	75
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 96	120.07	120.12	119.92	120.04	2654
	Jun 96	118.62	118.62	118.57	118.59	520
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 232811	Mar 96	100.93	101.21	100.62	101.14	199713
	Jun 96	100.10	100.43	100.00	100.45	2485
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 20136	Mar 96	95.32	95.39	95.32	95.39	2674
	Jun 96	95.50	95.57	95.50	95.57	870
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 58905	Mar 96	98.36	98.41	98.34	98.37	5694
	Jun 96	98.40	98.43	98.38	98.42	2637
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 65751	Mar 96	111.90	112.97	111.80	112.65	68889
	Jun 96	112.00	112.30	111.90	112.19	971

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6[illegible] Low 5[illegible] Week fixed: 6[illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6[illegible] : 3 mth 6[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 6[illegible] : 3 mth: 6[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6	
Sterling Money Rates:	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]
Interbank:	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]

Overnight: open 6[illegible] close 6[illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6[illegible]	n/a	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6
Dollar CDs:	5.47	n/a	5.37	5.25	5.12
Building Society CDs:	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-4[illegible]
Deutschemark:	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	4[illegible]-3[illegible]
French Franc:	4[illegible]-4[illegible]	4-4[illegible]	4[illegible]-4[illegible]	4[illegible]-4[illegible]	5-4
Swiss Franc:	1[illegible]-1[illegible]	1[illegible]-1[illegible]	1[illegible]-1[illegible]	1[illegible]-1[illegible]	2-1
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $396.90-399.10 **Close:** $397.40-397.90 **High:** $399.60-400.10 **Low:** $396.95-397.45 **AM:** $397.50 **PM:** $397.50

Krugerrand: $397.00-399.00 (£260.50-262.50)

Platinum: $415.50 (£272.75) **Silver:** $5.46 (£3.585) **Palladium:** $130.00 (£85.35)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5024-2.5106	2.5024-2.5057	[illegible]pr	2-1[illegible]pr
Brussels	45.88-46.07	45.68-45.98	13-9pr	34-29pr
Copenhagen	8.6420-8.6780	8.6440-8.6660	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr	4[illegible]-3[illegible]pr
Dublin	0.9624-0.9670	0.9633-0.9659	10-7pr	24-20pr
Frankfurt	2.2357-2.2416	2.2379-2.2410	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr
Lisbon	230.94-232.09	231.48-232.09	21-48ds	79-122ds
Madrid	188.35-189.02	188.49-188.78	30-40ds	110-127ds
Milan	2401.7-2410.5	2406.5-2410.5	7-8ds	20-22ds
Montreal	2.0743-2.0824	2.0753-2.0783	0.17-0.09pr	0.31-0.20pr
New York	1.5220-1.5242	1.5220-1.5230	0.11-0.09pr	0.31-0.28pr
Oslo	9.7940-9.8220	9.7950-9.8100	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-1[illegible]pr
Paris	7.6340-7.6630	7.6490-7.6630	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr	3[illegible]-3[illegible]pr
Stockholm	10.152-10.208	10.183-10.206	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	159.76-160.93	160.57-160.93	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2[illegible]pr
Vienna	*15.720-15.767*	*15.741-15.767*	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]pr
Zurich	1.8052-1.8124	1.8072-1.8100	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr Discount = ds*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3504-1.3513
Austria	*10.33-10.34*
Belgium (Com)	30.19-30.20
Canada	1.3646-1.3651
Denmark	5.6855-5.6875
France	5.0230-5.0240
Germany	1.4693-1.4698
Hong Kong	7.7305-7.7315
Ireland	1.5759-1.5774
Italy	1578.25-1579.25
Japan	105.05-105.15
Malaysia	2.5530-2.5540
Netherlands	1.6457-1.6462
Norway	6.4385-6.4415
Portugal	151.95-152.12
Singapore	1.4190-1.4200
Spain	123.92-124.02
Sweden	6.6960-6.7060
Switzerland	1.1855-1.1865

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5213-1.5239
Australia dollar	2.0557-2.0584
Bahrain dinar	0.5675-0.5795
Brazil real*	1.4797-1.4838
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6970-0.7070
Finland markka	6.7425-6.8585
Greece drachma	363.00-370.00
Hong Kong dollar	11.7643-11.7735
India rupee	54.05-55.01
Indonesia rupiah	3449.00-3517.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4510-0.4610
Malaysia ringgit	3.8852-3.8892
New Zealand dollar	2.2960-2.2993
Pakistan rupee	51.98 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4775-5.6015
Singapore dollar	2.1594-2.1617
S Africa rand (com)	5.4960-5.5980
U A E dirham	5.5275-5.6515

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	2,000	Land Secs	2,200
ASDA Gp	4,200	Legal & Gn	2,300
Abbey Ntl	4,700	Lloyds TSB	15,000
Allied Dom	3,400	*Marks Spr*	5,600
Argos	942	NatWst Bk	8,500
Argyll Gp	2,400	Nat Grid	25,000
AB Foods	1,100	Nat Power	3,300
BAA	2,200	P & O	2,800
BAT Inds	6,600	Pearson	540
BOC	983	Pilkington	5,000
BP	4,400	PowerGen	1,900
BSkyB	2,500	Prudential	9,100
BTR	5,400	REXAM	4,700
BT	14,000	RMC	931
Bk of Scot	3,600	RTZ	4,200
Barclays	4,300	Rank Org	4,700
Bass	1,400	Reckitt Col	231
Blue Circle	798	Redland	3,500
Boots	2,200	Reed Intl	530
BAe	3,100	Rentokil	1,000
BA	4,900	Reuters	3,900
Brit Gas	28,000	*Rolls Royce*	15,000
Brit Steel	6,900	Royal Ins	3,400
Burmah Cstl	507	Ryl Bk Scot	3,100
Burton	3,100	Sainsbury	3,800
Cable Wire	*3,600*	*Schroders*	*19*
Cadbury	1,800	Scot & New	2,100
Carlton Cms	1,300	Scot Power	8,300
Cm Union	2,500	Svrn Trent	947
Cookson	5,500	Shell Trans	6,200
Courtaulds	1,100	Siebe	805
Dixons	560	SmKl Bch	2,000
Enterpr Oil	1,100	Smith Nph	4,900
For & Col IT	1,400	Smiths Inds	914
Forte	59,000	Sthern Elec	477
GKN	645	Std Chard	3,700
GRE	5,800	*Sun Allnce*	*1,100*
GUS	641	TI Gp	1,200
Gen Acc	1,300	Tate & Lyle	1,700
Gen Elec	6,500	Tesco	5,200
Glaxo Well	7,500	Thames W	2,500
Granada	8,000	Thrn EMI	2,300
Grand Met	5,900	Tomkins	4,100
Guinness	10,000	Unilever	3,200
HSBC	7,300	United Utls	2,900
Hanson	12,000	Vodafone	11,000
ICI	1,400	Whitbread	1,200
Kingfisher	3,700	Wllms Hld	896
LASMO	1,800	Wolseley	266
Ladbroke	10,000	Zeneca	2,900

WALL STREET

	Jan 18 midday	Jan 17 close
AMP Inc	38[illegible]	37[illegible]
AMR Corp	70[illegible]	71[illegible]
AT & T	67	67[illegible]
Abbott Labs	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Advanced Micro	18[illegible]	18[illegible]
Aetna Life	72[illegible]	71[illegible]
Ahmanson (HF)	25[illegible]	25[illegible]
Air Prod & Chem	52[illegible]	52[illegible]
AirTouch Comm	[illegible]	26[illegible]
Alberto-Culver B	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Albertson's	32	31[illegible]
Alcan Alumnm	30[illegible]	29[illegible]
Alco Standard	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Allied Signal	48[illegible]	48[illegible]
Alum Co of Am	52[illegible]	50[illegible]
Amax Gold Inc	8[illegible]	8[illegible]
Amerada Hess	53[illegible]	53
Amer Brands	44[illegible]	43[illegible]
Amer El Power	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Amer Express	40[illegible]	40[illegible]
Amer Genl Corp	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Amer Home Pr	96[illegible]	96[illegible]
Amer Intl	94[illegible]	93[illegible]
Amer Stores	25[illegible]	26
Amer Standard	28[illegible]	28
Ameritech	59[illegible]	59[illegible]
Amoco	69[illegible]	69[illegible]
Anheuser-Busch	69[illegible]	69[illegible]
Apple Computer	31[illegible]	34
Archer Daniels	18	17[illegible]
Armco	5[illegible]	5[illegible]
Armstrng Wrld	62[illegible]	63
Asarco	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
Ashland Oil	35[illegible]	35[illegible]
Atl Richfield	112[illegible]	111[illegible]
Auto Data Pro	38[illegible]	37[illegible]
Avery Dennison	47[illegible]	47[illegible]
Avon Products	73[illegible]	73[illegible]
Baker Hughes	23[illegible]	23[illegible]
Baltim Gas & El	28[illegible]	29
Banc One	35[illegible]	36[illegible]
BankAmerica	[illegible]	60[illegible]
Bank of NY	46[illegible]	47[illegible]
Bankers Tr NY	63[illegible]	65[illegible]
Barnett Banks	55[illegible]	56[illegible]
Bausch & Lomb	39[illegible]	38[illegible]
Baxter Intl	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Becton Dicknsn	77[illegible]	77[illegible]
Bell Atlantic	70	70[illegible]
Bell Industries	20[illegible]	20[illegible]
BellSouth	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Black & Decker	32[illegible]	32[illegible]
Block (H&R)	33[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	78	76[illegible]
Boise Cascade	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Bristol Myrs Sq	83[illegible]	84[illegible]
Browning Ferris	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Brunswick	21[illegible]	21[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	74[illegible]	75[illegible]
CNA Financial	115[illegible]	114
CPC Intl	69[illegible]	71[illegible]
CSX	42[illegible]	44
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can Pacific	18[illegible]	18[illegible]
Cptl Cities ABC	123[illegible]	123[illegible]
Carolina Pwr	35[illegible]	35[illegible]
Caterpillar	58[illegible]	54[illegible]
Central & SW	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
Champion Intl	39[illegible]	40[illegible]
Chase Manhat	61[illegible]	61[illegible]
Chemical Bk	59[illegible]	59[illegible]
Chevron Corp	53[illegible]	53[illegible]
Chrysler	52[illegible]	53
Chubb Corp	102[illegible]	102[illegible]
Cigna Corp	117[illegible]	114[illegible]
Citicorp	68[illegible]	69[illegible]
Clorox	74[illegible]	71[illegible]
Coastal Corp	35[illegible]	35[illegible]
Coca Cola	73	73[illegible]
Colgate-Palmolive	71	69[illegible]
Columbia Gas	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
ColumbiaHCA	54[illegible]	54[illegible]
Compaq Comp	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Comp Ass Intl	59[illegible]	59
Conagra	44[illegible]	43[illegible]
Conrail	68[illegible]	70[illegible]
Cons Edison	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Cons Nat Gas	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Cooper Inds	35[illegible]	35[illegible]
Corestates	37[illegible]	37[illegible]
Corning Inc	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Crown Cork	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Dana Corp	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Dayton Hudson	70[illegible]	70[illegible]
Deere	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Delta Air Lines	70	70[illegible]
Deluxe Corp	28[illegible]	27[illegible]
Detroit Edison	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Digital Equip	61	59[illegible]
Dillard Dept St	28	28
Disney (Walt)	59[illegible]	59[illegible]
Dominion Res	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Donelley (RR)	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Dover Corp	41	40
Dow Chemical	69[illegible]	69[illegible]
Dow Jones	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser	24	24[illegible]
Duke Power	47[illegible]	48
Dun & Bradstreet	64[illegible]	64[illegible]

	Jan 18 midday	Jan 17 close
Eastman Chem	62[illegible]	64[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	68	69[illegible]
Eaton Corp	52[illegible]	53
Emerson Elec	78[illegible]	78[illegible]
Engelhard Corp	21[illegible]	22
Enron Corp	35[illegible]	36
Entergy	30	30
Ethyl Corp	12[illegible]	12[illegible]
Exxon	80	80[illegible]
FMC Corp	67[illegible]	68[illegible]
FPL Group	46[illegible]	46[illegible]
Federal Express	69[illegible]	69[illegible]
Fed Nat Mtge	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
First Interstate	134[illegible]	137[illegible]
First Union Rty	7[illegible]	7[illegible]
Fleet Finl Grp	39[illegible]	40
Fluor Corp	63[illegible]	62[illegible]
Ford Motor	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
GTE Corp	45[illegible]	46
Gannett	61	61[illegible]
Gap Inc Del	43[illegible]	44
Gen Dynamics	59[illegible]	59[illegible]
Gen Electric	71[illegible]	71[illegible]
Gen Mills	55	55[illegible]
Gen Motors	47[illegible]	48[illegible]
Gen Reinsurance	151[illegible]	153[illegible]
Gen Signal	32[illegible]	33[illegible]
Genuine Parts	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Georgia Pac	67[illegible]	67[illegible]
Gillette	54	53[illegible]
Glaxo Wellc ADR	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
Goodrich (BF)	69	69[illegible]
Goodyear Tire	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Grace (W&R)	55[illegible]	55[illegible]
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Leaseholders in the elegant Pelham Crescent are disputing Smith's Charity's sale of the freehold of the estate to the Wellcome Trust last year

The long and winding road to leasehold policy reform

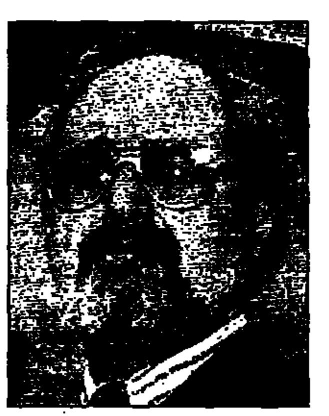
The Government wants to tackle abuse but faces a fight says **Sara McConnell**

Last autumn, the forthcoming Housing Bill looked set to be a low-key affair. The Government's main proposals were familiar to any follower of Conservative housing policy during the last 10 years: further extension of home onwership, further erosion of local authorities' direct role as landlords and empowerment for council tenants.

But, in the last two months, ministers and officials have been thrown into confusion by media revelations of widespread abuse by unscrupulous landlords of the system of long-leasehold tenure. Yesterday, just 24 hours before the Bill's publication, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, was forced to respond to fierce criticism of the leasehold system by announcing a raft of amendments to the Bill.

Mr Gummer is attempting to reverse what campaigners say is a long history of exploitation. Flatowners who buy their homes on long leases frequently face large bills for service charges and repairs which can turn out to be unnecessary or shoddy. If they refuse to pay they are threatened with forfeiture of their lease and loss of their home. Leaseholders discover that their freehold has changed hands overnight without their knowledge. There is growing evidence that many landlords are ignoring rules which require them to offer leaseholders first refusal if the freehold is up for sale. Freeholds to blocks of flats on long leases change hands rapidly and cheaply at auction with leaseholders knowing nothing about it until the deal is done.

Even if landlords are in breach of the "first refusal" rule, they face no sanctions. Those trying to exercise their right to buy their freehold and manage their own affairs can find themselves thwarted by their landlord splitting the freehold, thus disqualifying leaseholders from buying. Mr Gummer is proposing to block this method of disqualification by amending legislation. He has also put forward plans to give residents' associations greater powers to challenge unreasonable service charge bills. The law of forfeiture will be amended so that leaseholders who dispute service charges will not face forfeiture of their leases without establishing that it is "lawfully due". Landlords who sell on freeholds without giving leaseholders in the block first refusal will be committing a criminal offence. In a further change, leaseholders may be able to enforce their rights at the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal instead of at court.



Mitchell: tackling disputes

The Government's moves are likely to be welcomed by critics of leasehold but they are almost certain not to go nearly far enough. Campaigners such as the Campaign Against Residential Leasehold Abuse and the Labour Party want the Government to force landlords to give their leaseholders the right to manage their own property. Others, including the Leasehold Enfranchisement Association (LEA), want the removal of "marriage value" which landlords demand as compensation for selling the freehold.

All, however, want leasehold to be abolished in the long term and replaced by a standard system of commonhold. Earlier this week, in a letter to officials at the Department of the Environment, Ron Armstrong, Council of Mortgage Lenders deputy director-general, said: "The long leasehold system is inherently and intrinsically defective, simply because it relies to a large extent on the goodwill of the landlord."

The Government is certain to face a hard fight at Westminster from landowners. But the Government was apparently prepared to risk this rather than further endanger the future of home ownership, the bedrock of Tory housing policy. As the Leasehold Enfranchisement Association wrote recently to David Curry, Housing Minister: "Leasehold property is becoming increasingly difficult to sell. Who is going to buy into a situation where so-called 'homeowners' can be sold overnight from one landlord to another or come under control of the nightmare landlords?"

The housing boom of the late 1980s lent new urgency to leasehold abolition campaigns, as large numbers of Victorian houses, mainly in London and the South East, were converted into leasehold flats, and newly built flats were issued with their own long leases. Many new buyers discovered that they paid for repairs but had no control over the management of their home. The value of the properties depreciated daily as the lease expiry date neared. At the same time, the leases of a lot of older homes owned by the Great Estates of Central London were coming to an end. But rampant property inflation meant tenants could not afford the prices asked by ground landlords to renew their leases.

Three pieces of leasehold reform were passed in quick succession by the Tories in the teeth of opposition from landowners. The last, the Leasehold Reform and Urban Development Act of 1993, gave leaseholders the right to buy their freehold even if the landlord did not want to sell. But the Conservatives bowed to pressure from landlords and hedged the right round with so many qualifications that few have been able to buy.

Even if Mr Gummer's proposed amendments make it unscathed through Parliament, landlords will not give up without a fight. Meanwhile thousands of leaseholders are struggling against exploitation. John Mitchell of the recently formed Campaign Against Residential Leasehold Abuse (Carla), says he has 5,000 flats collectively worth £350 million where leaseholders are in dispute with the landlord. Carla is concentrating on building up patterns and uncovering links between freehold companies.

Many of Carla's members are what Mr Mitchell calls "Thatcher's children" who bought for the first time in the 1980s boom. But longstanding leaseholders living in the elegant porticoed areas of Smith's Charity's South Kensington estate, including Pelham Crescent, are also disputing Smith's sale of the freehold of the estate to the Wellcome Trust last year, on the grounds that they did not properly offer leaseholders first refusal of the freehold. Zipporah Mainwaring, a Smith's resident, is set to take on the charity in the courts next month.

Closing the competitiveness gap

Michael Heseltine says Richard Caborn, Labour's competitiveness spokesman, is ignoring the facts

How disappointing that Richard Caborn, in spite of having served as chairman of the Select Committee on Trade and Industry, should ignore so many of the facts in his article on the UK's competitiveness (Business News, January 12). Disappointing, because in his enthusiasm to damage the Government, he does a disservice to the record of British business over the past 15 years.

He argues that on virtually every level of national competitiveness the UK's ranking has fallen. His main evidence is a report by the World Economic Forum. That report is a dubious basis for international comparison. A third of its conclusions are based on a survey to which, on average, only 70 people per country responded. And those respondents based their judgments on some limited national perceptions. How many of your readers would expect, for example, that Colombia would come fourth in the world in terms of corporate boards safeguarding "proper practices"?

By the end of the 1970s, the British economy had been outperformed by the rest of the G7 for far too long. By 1979, our labour productivity in manufacturing, perhaps the key indicator of our industrial efficiency, was only two-thirds of Germany's and half that in the US. This was not of academic interest. In the long run, labour productivity and incomes go hand in hand.

Since the early 1980s, we have reversed this relative decline in productivity and closed a substantial part of the gap. From 1974 to 1979, manufacturing productivity grew by less than 1 per cent per annum. Since 1979, it has grown by 4.1 per cent per annum, compared with 1.9 per cent in Germany and 2.4 per cent in the US. We have done twice as well as Germany and 70 per cent better than the US.

During the 1980s, business investment in the UK as a proportion of GDP was second only to Japan among the G7 countries. Even in the subsequent recession, only Germany moved slightly ahead. There is, in fact, no relationship between the level of UK investment and dividends. Indeed, CBI surveys consistently show that the main determinants of investment are demand and rates of return rather than shortages or the costs of finance. This underlines the importance of stable macroeconomic policies rather than legislative interference in the market.

The Deputy Prime Minister wants more firms to follow the example of the best

Mr Caborn is whipping up anxiety over short-termism as a justification for extensive interference in the market economy. Policies that failed in the 1960s and 1970s, "regional investment schemes", "fiscal options", are dusted off. The only difference is that in a world where investment is now free to flow around the globe they are even more dangerous.

Our policies, in contrast, have worked. We have provided the conditions in which companies forge partnerships with their employees. The language of empowerment is heard in successful companies throughout Britain, not the language of industrial strife. That would not have come about if we had legislated for a voice for employees on company boards as the Labour Party wants. It has come about because of our reforms of the labour market in the 1980s. In 1979, we lost 29 million man-days in strikes. In 1994, we lost a quarter of a million — the lowest level since records began 100 years ago. And, through our encouragement for employee shareholdings, employers have rewarded employees' performance with a genuine, tangible "stake" in the business.

We now want more firms to follow the example of the best. We have our poor performers. Every country does. But legislation is not the way to build trust and partnership in companies. The example and competition of those that are making the most of our reforms is a surer route to change.

In a global marketplace, skills, creativity and knowledge are essential to competitiveness. It is perhaps not well enough understood just how far education and training have been transformed in the UK. In 1980, most young people abandoned formal learning at the first opportunity. Only one in eight went into higher education. Last year, 78 per cent of 17-year-olds remained in full-time education and one in three went on to higher education. We are well on course to meet our target of 25 per cent of 16-year-olds starting GNVQs in 1996. Modern and accelerated modern apprenticeships started throughout England at the end of last year.

While the improvement has been considerable we are not complacent. Just as firms must benchmark themselves against the best of the competition, so must we benchmark our policies and our national performance. That is why we published two White Papers on competitiveness in 1994 and 1995 and why last night I announced that a third White Paper would be published this summer. That White Paper will update our analysis of the UK's position and bring forward new measures to help UK business to win world markets. We shall, for example, report on a major study of the level of skills in the UK. This will include a detailed analysis of how these match the needs of UK business and the skills and education of the workforce in our main competitors.

There are many indicators of competitiveness. One of the best is the extent to which we are able to attract multinational businesses that are free to choose where to invest. More than 4,000 inward investments have been made since 1979, creating and safeguarding 700,000 jobs. UK car production, for example, has increased by 600,000 since 1982, over half of which is due to Japanese investment. Japanese car plants are expected to increase production by a further quarter of a million vehicles by the turn of the century. And these investors have brought world class management practices to the UK and spread these throughout sectors that are performing badly.

Survey evidence shows that these companies come to the UK because we have the best environment for business in Europe. This has been achieved partly through deregulation; with more than 500 measures repealed so far under the deregulation initiative, not through legislation to fetter and direct corporate initiative.

For the last decade and a half, British business has closed the gap against some of the best, most innovative competition in the world. British industry, has, in short, done better than those Labour thinks are the best. That does not mean it has eradicated the postwar legacy, which is why we shall continue to seek greater competitiveness in every aspect of British economic performance.

But in the words of Jan Timmer, president of Philips: "The most competitive country in Europe today is the UK. It has a great sense of realism, a great sense of competitive spirit".

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Manweb chief over the moon

FOR Mike Kinski, chief executive of Manweb, the journey south from parent company ScottishPower had an added incentive. Prior to moving, the keen footballer, who used to play for Coventry's youth team, wondered whether to spend his Saturdays at Liverpool or Everton.

His office, however, commands a view of Chester City's Deva Stadium. And, along with the proximity, the presence at Kinski's new local club of Cyrille Regis, one of his former footballing heroes, has sealed his allegiance.

Rocco ages

THE truth is out! It was Sir Rocco Forte's 51st birthday yesterday. And if the man under takeover siege from Granada is looking older, here's why.

For many a year, Sir Rocco was listed in *The International Who's Who* as having being born on February 22, 1945. Even as late as the 1992 edition, that date was listed as his birthday.

Not so. Sir Rocco sent in a correction for the 1994 edition making it clear he was born on January 18. As the editor remarked: "It is usually actreseses that change their age — and then they make themselves younger, not older."

And how did Sir Rocco spend last evening? So as not to be seen to favour any particular hotel, he dined at home.

Cut off

GRANADA, in a desperate attempt to contact as many Forte shareholders as possible, has committed the ultimate gaffe.

While sweeping through Forte's share register in search of those countless, but all-important, small shareholders, a representative called a lady's number.

"Hello. I'm phoning on behalf of Granada wondering if you may wish to discuss any aspect of our bid for Forte, in which I note you are a shareholder."

There followed a stony silence, and then came a frosty reply. "No," said the voice ... and Lord Forte's personal assistant put down her phone.

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Necessary evil

A CLASSIFIED advertisement that appeared in Zimbabwe's *The Herald* reads: "Drivers urgently wanted. Zimbabwean passports essential, but not necessary."

Moving tale?

COULD the packing cases be coming out for Schroders staff at their Cheapside headquarters? The word is that management, keen to embrace the concept of open-plan offices, feel their current 100,000 sq ft premises are just not big enough.

"Thanks to its 1960s design, the building is a bit too narrow," says Clive Boothman, director of Schroder Investment Management. "It might even be knocked down by the owners."

It is, however, unlikely that there will be an exodus to Canary Wharf. "The normal way of choosing offices is to put a pin in Cheapside and pick buildings a five-minute walk away," says Boothman.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Future of Forte is balanced on a knife-edge

The outcome of Granada's hostile bid is too close to call. **Eric Reguly** reports

As the battle for Forte enters its final hours, both sides insist they are confident of winning. Privately, they're scared.

Granada's brilliant attack has been countered by Forte's equally smart counter-attack and neither has an obvious advantage. There is no landslide in the making because Granada, conscious of value, has not offered a ludicrously high price. It appears that a fairly narrow margin will separate the victor from the vanquished when the votes are counted on Tuesday.

When Granada pitched its £3.3 billion bid on November 22, Forte appeared to be doomed. Granada's bid seemed well-deserved and, if anything, overdue. Forte's hotels and restaurants had taken a beating during the recession, forcing a dividend reduction, and the earnings and share performance had been underwhelming. Furthermore, the City felt that Sir Rocco Forte had landed in the chief executive's seat only because he was the son of Lord Forte, the empire's founder. But Sir Rocco managed to even the odds with a defence package that included an £800 million share buyback and a commitment to raise the dividend by 20 per cent a year for three years. He also struck a deal to sell Forte's roadside eateries to Whitbread for £1 billion.

Granada, not to be outdone, boosted its offer by £500 million by adding a cash dividend of 47p and, in a strategic reversal of its own, said it would unload Forte's Meridien and Exclusive hotel chains. That was on January 9. Since then, both sides have been exchanging insults, challenging each other's profit and gearing assumptions and provoking the Takeover Panel.

Only a tiny minority of institutions, most in the US, have shown their hand, signalling lack of confidence in both sides by selling their holdings in the open market for cash. The British institutions will determine the outcome; and they will be doing their sums today and over the weekend.

From a strategic point of view, Granada and Forte present distinct options. Forte, shorn of its restaurants and most of its mid-market hotels, will be a hotel player in the four-star and five-star sector. Shareholders will have to be convinced that luxury hotels are still on the upswing. A recent study by Parnell Kerr Foster Associates concluded: "We believe that the UK hotel industry has entered a period of strong growth in profits, which should continue for three or four years."

Granada would concentrate on budget hotels and restaurants. Their return on capital is higher than that of luxury hotels, and Granada argues that hotels with restaurants attached are less vulnerable to cyclical swings than stand-alone hotels. Since much of a hotel's profits come from catering, separating them makes no sense, it says.

From the management point of view, Granada has the edge. Gerry Robinson, chief executive, is regarded as something of a super-manager. The City is impressed by the profits he has teased out of Sutcliffe catering and London Weekend Television, and expect him to "sweat" Forte's assets with equal gusto. But Mr Robinson would also have to be adept at selling: finding buyers for the Meridien and the Exclusive when there is a glut of upmarket hotels for sale may not be easy and Forte, for one, is unconvinced that he can avoid a hefty capital gains tax.

> ‘The British institutions will settle how the vote falls’

As of yesterday, Granada could speak for 9.9 per cent of Forte's shares against the 8 per cent held by the Forte board and family. Many individual shareholders and some of the more conservative institutions, which typically back management in hostile fights, are likely to stick with Forte. If so, it can count on 20-30 per cent.

The rest is up for grabs and Mercury Asset Management, with about 15 per cent, is the most important. Carol Galley, the MAM official who will decide their strategy, meets Forte and Granada today. The meetings are bound to test Mr Robinson and Sir Rocco as she peppers them with questions about value.

A vote in Granada's favour does not guarantee its victory, but Forte appears doomed if it goes that way.

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Life offices fear pension mis-selling hurting sales

By Marianne Curphey

LLOYDS Abbey Life has announced a 14 per cent rise in new life business for 1995 but Legal & General and Britannic Assurance have seen sales fall amid public concern over pensions mis-selling.

Lloyds Abbey Life, the largest of the three, reported falls in regular premiums and unit trust sales but a rise of 36 per cent to £665.6 million of single premium business. Overall, new life premiums rose to £1.11 billion (£999.8 million).

Laurel Powers-Freeling, group financial director, said the rise was due in part to special offers in the first half of the year, and to "dramatically increased sales" through independent financial advisers.

Black Horse Financial Services, a subsidiary of Lloyds Abbey Life, saw a significant drop in life business, down £6.7 million to £30 million. Pension sales rose by 6 per cent to £18.4 million.

Apart from the Securities and Investment Board investigation into pensions mis-selling, insurers have faced new rules on disclosure of charges, which many claim have lengthened the sales process.

Total new annual premiums at Britannic fell 15 per cent to £34.4 million (£40.36 million), and over 9 per cent at L&G to £97 million (£106 million). Brian Shaw, general manager and actuary, said business was worst hit at the beginning of the year, when the new rules on disclosure had the greatest impact. "The public are still reluctant to buy life products and will continue to be until the SIB review has been completed," he added.

L&G's UK group business saw a fall in new annual premiums of 6.4 per cent to £26.4 million, with lower levels of pension and group life new business partly offset by increased permanent health business. PEP and unit trust new business in the UK grew to £177.4 million from £105.4 million in 1994.

The group also announced it would declare a special bonus for its 1.4 million with-profits policyholders, which will be added to policies in March.

☐ Direct insurers are continuing to gain market share, particularly in motor insurance, according to a report by Goldman Sachs. Direct Line dominates the sector with more than two million policies, followed by Churchill, Royal Insurance and Preffered. In household insurance, the report predicts building societies and banks will be significant players.

NatPower to build £32m plant

NATIONAL POWER is to build a £32 million combined heat and power plant for BASF, the chemicals manufacturer, with a 15-year deal between the two for electricity and steam from the plant (Christine Buckley writes).

The gas-fired plant, which will be built to environmentally friendly specifications, will have an electricity output of 75 megawatts. It will be sited at BASF's complex at Seal Sands, Teesside.

National Power is the market leader in industrial CHP plants and has £114 million in nine contracts which provide 200 megawatts of power.

Laverstoke House, home of the 'fabulous freebie', has been sold by De la Rue to Jody Scheckter, the former motor racing driver, for £4.25 million

Formula One great buys Laverstoke

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

JODY SCHECKTER, the former South African racing driver, has bought the £4.25 million Laverstoke House and Park in Hampshire from De la Rue, the printing company.

The sale has rid its owners of an embarrassing hidden asset which emerged during its takeover bid of Portals.

In the months running up to De la Rue's £716.7 million takeover bid, it came to light that Julian Sheffield, the former chairman of Portals, was living at the yellow brick, classical Hampshire house set in 3,200 acres.

The arrangement whereby Mr Sheffield paid the running costs of the house but no rent was dubbed the "fabulous freebie" in the business press.

Savills, the agent, sold 3,200 acres of surrounding farmland in a separate lot to a local farmer, bringing the total value of the sale to £9.625 million. The estate, next to the hamlet of Freefolk, just past Overton, near Basingstoke, was built between 1796 and 1798 for Henry Portal by Joseph Bonomi, the influential Italian architect.

Mr Sheffield has continued to live at the house, because De la Rue has been honouring the arrangement he had with Portals, a De la Rue spokesman said. He is expected to move out later this year.

Mr Scheckter, 55, won the Formula One world championship with Ferrari in 1979, and last raced in 1980.

HSBC hit by $42m fraud

HSBC's HongkongBank has been the victim of a $42 million fraud in its branch in Jakarta, Indonesia, the bank said yesterday (writes Patricia Tehan). It is believed to involve fake telegraphic transfers from Swiss Bank and Deutsche Bank.

HSBC said its financial controls revealed the fraud on January 3 and reported it to Bank Indonesia, local police, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Bank of England. The bank believes the fraud occurred before Christmas, and "has no material effect on the financial standing of HongkongBank or HSBC Holdings".

Air traffic scheme faces 9-month delay

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

A £350 million air traffic control centre intended to ease congestion in the skies above Britain will be at least nine months late because the US computers are not compatible with the British-made radars.

The Civil Aviation Authority has now launched an inquiry into the problem and the delay which threatens to put intolerable strain on the existing air traffic control centre at West Drayton.

A spokesman said: "We will have a clearer picture of what can be done to solve the problem and when the centre will be able to become operational by the end of January when the review is completed."

The delay is embarrassing for the CAA which said that the new centre at Swanwick, near Southampton, was vital immediately if the fast growing number of aircraft flying across UK airspace was to be handled safely.

The buildings to house the new centre are complete, but the computers to run the 150 radar screens, capable of safely shepherding more than a million aircraft a year across Britain, cannot be made to function properly.

"There is some difficulty in integrating the software packages together" said a CAA spokesman. "It is a very complex system and it is not surprising there are difficulties along the way."

GrandMet success in Brent law suit

Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks company, has scored a small victory in its legal battle with Brent Walker, the leisure group, over the sale of William Hill, the bookmaker, in 1989.

GrandMet launched a court case last summer seeking to determine what interpretation should be placed on documents associated with the £685 million sale to Brent Walker. The two parties have been in dispute since 1990 over the terms of the sale, with Brent Walker claiming a substantial reduction in the purchase price because it believes it was misled by GrandMet over the level of profitability at William Hill.

A High Court judge ruled yesterday that the original agreement over the sale should be rectified, a ruling which favours GrandMet because it largely supports its interpretation of the documents.

Brent Walker responded by stating that it is waiting for the full text of the agreement before deciding whether to appeal.

TI subsidiary wins contract

TI Group, the UK engineering company, said its John Crane engineered seals division has won its largest contract, worth £70 million over a five-year period, for the supply of seals for ultra high vacuum applications in the semiconductor industry. Applied Materials Inc, a California manufacturer of equipment for the production of integrated circuits, has placed the order with John Crane Belfab, which is located in Florida.

P&O role for Galpin

Rodney Galpin has been appointed a non-executive director of P&O, the construction and cruising group, while Peter Ratcliffe, the president of Princess Cruises, and Robert Woods, managing director of P&O Containers, become executive directors. Michael Gradon, the group's legal director, will succeed John Crossman, who retires on June 30 as company secretary. Philip Warner, a director and chairman of Bovis Homes, will also retire on June 30.

Heiton ahead at half time

Heiton Holdings, the Irish builders merchant, steel supplier and homecare retailer, lifted pre-tax profits to Ir£3.8 million from Ir£2.7 million in the half-year to October 31. Turnover increased to Ir£66.4 million from Ir£61.5 million. Earnings per share were up to Ir5.36p from Ir3.72p and the interim dividend is lifted 18.75 per cent to Ir0.95p a share.

Mayne to sell UK division

Mayne Nickless, the Australian transport, security and healthcare group, is seeking a buyer for its UK armoured car division, which trades under the names of Security Express and Armaguard (UK). The division has 52 branches and employs more than 2,800 people. The business has a book value of about £6.89 million.

Tottenham's game plan may bring rights issue

By Christine Buckley

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR is to pay its first interim dividend for more than three years as the club moves to woo institutional investors in a game plan that could signal a rights issue.

Tottenham is keen to bring in more heavyweight funds, but despite growing City confidence it has to contend with illiquid shares, as a large proportion are held by fans whose investment is made more for loyalty than financial gain. They tend not to sell, or sell in insufficient amounts to interest institutions.

Sugar: interims again

A rights issue could bring in a substantial draft of new resources, but the company must find a reason to call on the money. The building of a new stand — it still has to develop the north stand at an estimated cost of about £6 million — would be suitable but much depends on the club's performance in the last part of the season and on its run in the FA Cup. John Sedgwick, finance director, said a new stand must be justified. "Capacity would rise by about three to four thousand. We have to be getting capacity gates ahead of that."

Alan Sugar, the chairman, tempered the half-year results to the end of November by reporting the wages bill had risen and that the trend would continue. Pre-tax profits were flattered by the sale of players including Nick Barmby, who fetched £5.2 million. Tottenham also negotiated new four-year contracts with star players Teddy Sheringham and Darren Anderton.

Pre-tax profits rose to £7.13 million from £2.06 million. The interim dividend will be paid on February 23.

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Property hits French water group

PROBLEMS in the property market will push Compagnie Générale des Eaux, the biggest water distribution company in the world, into a loss of between FFr3 billion £400 million) and FFr3.5 billion for 1995, it was revealed yesterday.

The company said results would recover sharply this year with the help of asset sales. Profits would be in line with figures of recent years "despite a particularly gloomy economic climate".

Losses and provisions in the property division would amount to about FFr7 billion. Prospects this year were brighter because the company was attacking foreign markets aggressively, had restructured its property interests, had reformed its construction business and was selling assets. In Britain the company owns North Surrey Water, Three Valleys, Folkestone & Dover and Tendring Hundred and has a stake in South Staffs. It has also launched a joint bid for Mid Kent Water.

In 1994 net profits rose 4.5 per cent to FFr3.35 billion on sales up 5.8 per cent to FFr156 billion.

Big advance at NatWest Bancorp

NATWEST Bancorp, NatWest's US subsidiary being sold to Fleet Financial, increased pre-tax profits 95 per cent to $169.9 million in the last quarter of the year (Patricia Tehan writes).

Full-year profits were 55 per cent higher at $507.1 million. Fourth-quarter net income was $120.9 million and $305.6 million for the year compared with $83.5 million and $298.6 million respectively. An improvement of 11 per cent in net interest income reflected acquisitions of Citizens First Bancorp, completed in October 1994, and of Central Jersey Bancorp, a year ago.

Non-interest income doubled to $191.6 million in the fourth quarter and for the full year increased from $342.9 million to $517.7 million.

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BANKS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3090¾	2133½	ABN-AMRO	3075	+ 6¼	4.2	11.5
860½	413	Abbey Nat	860½	+ 10½	3.7	13.2
392	250	Allied Irish	382	+ 7	3.8	11.1
318	188	Aus New Z	318	...	5.0	.
4425	2531¼	Bank America	3962½	- 88¼	...	...
307½	191½	Bank Scotland	297½	+ 7½	2.6	13.2
812½	557½	Barclays	769½	+ 9½	3.7	10.5
488	288	Bk of Ireland	483	+ 2	3.5	9.7
525	410	Cater Allen	473	+ 4	7.9	7.8
4718¾	2450	Citicorp	4550	+ 168¾	...	
340½	270¼	Close Bros	335		3.2	14.9
£162¾	£120¾	Commerzbank	£156¾	+ 125	3.4	
1370	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1209	- 37½	0.4	..
3231¼	2775	Deutsche Bk	3062½	+ 53¾	2.4	..
891¼	588¾	Espirito Santo	716¾	+ 28¼	5.1	9.4
1611	1138¾	Fuji Bank Y	1433¾	- 15¾	0.4	..
490	385	Gerrard Nat	485		6.0	15.0
253	180	Hambros	201	+ 2	4.7	.
1064	589	HSBC	1052½	+ 29	3.4	13.7
1034	678	HSBC HK	1025½	+ 29	3.4	13.3
421	228	Irish Perm	421	+ 3	2.9	9.7
463	353	Joseph (L)	453		5.2	15.6
192	85	King Shaxson	146	- 2	7.7	11.3
341½	308	Lloyds TSB	340½	+ 14½	.	
611	479	Nat Aust Bk	611		6.6	8.4
697	454	Nat West	667½	+ 12½	4.3	10.4
67	44	Rea Brothers	65		3.9	26.0
639½	373½	Royal Bk Scot	571	+ 14	3.5	12.8
1478	905¾	Schroders	1338	- 5	1.3	18.9
1180	823¾	Schroders N/V	1060		1.7	15.1
111	81	Singer & Fried	102	+ 1	4.5	10.6
625	248	Stand Chart	590	+ 15	1.9	14.8
121	70	Union	93		4.0	
£145¾	9040¾	Wells Fargo	£140¾	+ 106¼	2.1	..
300¾	211	Westpac	300¾	+ 1¼	4.5	
295	280	Woolwich	270	.	5.5	15.2

BREWERIES

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
279	143	Ascot Hldgs	279	+ 1		0.6
739½	487	Bass†	734½	+ 6½	3.9	16.9
473	239	Boddington	473		2.4	24.3
192	137	Burtonwood Brwt	174		3.9	16.8
198	137	Eldridge P 'A'†	195	.	2.9	...
433	335	Fuller Sm 'A'†	414		2.8	16.3
588	402	Greenalls Gp	563	+ 3	3.1	.
658	468	Greene King†	613	..	2.9	15.1
357	240	Hardy Hanson	317	- 2	4.1	.
169	150	Heavitree	195		4.5	10.9
3425	3048	Holt J	3102	- 7	2.2	16.6
347	219	Mansfield	324	.	2.1	16.3
325	266	Marston Thmp	322	+ 4	2.8	15.2
598	391½	Morland†	595	.	2.5	16.7
8¼	6	Paramount†	6	.	4.8	9.6

DISTRIBUTORS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	88	ABF Lds	88	...	6.2	9.0
595	430	Adam & Harvey	443	. .	5.5	5.8
21	13	Alexanders	16	...	2.4	
113	88	Applegard	102	+ 1	7.4	11.0
4¼	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	
623	505	BSS Group†	532	+ 4	4.6	15.3
39	31	Barlo	37		...	...
24½	15½	Beaming Power†	16		9.8	11.4
28	18	Begod 'A'†	28		3.5	8.6
483	345	Bunzl	439	+ 4	3.9	16.7
21	10¼	Bridgend Gp	18	.	1.4	...
96	78	Bot Fillings	84	.	4.8	12.3
270	215	Caffyns	246	...	5.9	18.9
88	54	Central Mr	77	..	4.5	28.9
94	70	Charles Sidney†	82	.	5.6	12.9
61	35	Cook (DC)†	55	.	3.9	8.1
320½	220	Cowie	310	+ 8	3.8	13.4
155	125	Dag Motors	126	.	7.1	10.4
598	500	Dennis El	543	...	2.4	12.1
501	375¼	Diploma	400		4.5	13.8
370	238	Electrocomponents†	328	- 1	2.3	22.3
317	153	Eurodis Elec	312	+ 17	1.7	21.6
235	64	Euroduffort	101	- 2	9.7	6.1
120	87	European Mtr	99	+ 1	8.8	8.5
449	280	Evans Halshaw	291	+ 3	6.7	9.0
732	512	Farnell Elect	678	- 1	1.8	19.7
72	48	Fife Indmar	66		6.2	10.8
24½	15	Gardiner	18¼	- ¼	5.8	8.8
37	16	Glenchewton	34½	...	1.1	..
108	81	Gevrings	88	..	3.2	14.6
220	148	Harris (Philip)†	219		4.2	13.9
225	142	Headlam	223	..	2.4	19.5
568	258	Henlys	568	+ 14	2.2	21.1
137	81	Holders Tech	133	..	5.6	25.3
183	88	ISA Intl	156	+ 1	1.3	17.1
430	200	Inchcape	273	+ 12	6.9	24.8
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	58	..	1.6	11.1
187	142	Kwik-Fit	175	...	3.3	15.0
358¼	264¼	Lex Service	328	+ 6	5.5	17.5
195	144	Lookers	145		6.6	8.0
22	9	Malaga Gp	11	+ ½	5.5	14.8
9¼	5	Middlesex	8¼	- ¼	0.8	18.9
71	36	Moorlands	42			5.9
534	330	Nazbaird	475	...	2.0	16.1
268	78	Northumbert	254	+ 1	0.8	20.4
155	135	PCT	135		7.1	9.8
283	225	Pendragon	277		3.8	14.5
165	123	Perry Gp	140	.	6.5	11.2
146	126	Quicks Group	140		5.1	11.9
198	160	REA	185	.	2.7	22.0
3¼	2¼	Reece	2¼			
73	48	Ronson	59	.	2.6	12.0
6½	2½	Ross Gp	3½	..		
63½	37½	SEP Indl	54	.	3.8	...
17½	8¼	Saltire	13½			7.7
271	225	Time Products	261		4.4	15.3
275	151	Vardy (Reg)	271		2.8	15.0
333	240	Wholesale Ftgs	333	+ 3	4.4	20.8

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2100	425	Brit Biotech	1820	+ 17	..	.
380	103	Cantab Pharms	360	..	.	
614	233¼	Celltech	586	+ 1	...	.
375	92½	Chiroscience	310		.	.
188	31	Cortecs	188	+ 9	..	..
917	587	Glaxo Wellcome	914	+ 10½	4.1	20.9
284	162	Medeva	254	- 5	1.8	16.3
719	273	Scotia	583	+ 3		
722	444	SmithKline	702½	+ 12	2.4	20.9
714	416	SmithKline Uts	686½	+ 7½	2.5	20.4
1337½	840	Zeneca	1283	+ 7	2.7	26.2

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
588	476½	Allied Domecq†	539	- 2	5.5	19.5
510	390	Bulmer (HP)†	508		3.0	15.9
146	99	Burn Stewart	126	+ 1	5.0	27.1
467	352	Grand Met†	454½	+ 9½	4.1	16.0
536	404	Guinness	474½	- 14½	3.7	14.1
445	317	Highland Distl	327	+ 1	3.0	14.8
217	175	Macallan-Glen	182	- 1	0.9	40.4
710	600	Macdo Mas 'A'	635		2.1	17.9
694	532	Matthew Clark	677	- 1	4.1	
140	61	Morydon Wi	108		2.3	

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	0½	Anglo Utd	1½	. .	.	.
110	57	App Holo	98	+ 5		
7¼	5¼	Bailey (CH)	6¼			
59	36	Black Arrow	37		10.5	6.5
97	60	Br Woodstock	95			30.6
6	2¼	Card Gp	2¼	.		.
10¼	4½	Chesnert	9¼	.	1.9	
161	135	Cosalt†	146	+ 1	7.5	
277	215	Fintex	258	+ 3	1.4	17.7
436	248	Hazelock†	433	.	2.5	16.8
168	93	Leigh†	98		8.4	17.6
231	102	Nobo Gp	132		6.0	8.5
265	120	Photo-Me	125		5.1	10.8
68	53	Plant & Gen	58	..	5.8	6.3
11	0¼	Rodime	1¼	..	.	
104	73	Shanks & McEwan	94	- 1	4.5	19.4
213	160	Sinclair (Wm)	180	+ 1	5.3	12.3
400	149¾	Superscape VR	390	- 5		
414	241	Waste Mgt Intl	330	+ 1		12.5
148	73	Waste Rcycg	137	+ 3	1.1	23.7

CHEMICALS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
198	146	Albright & Wil	173½	+ 1½	4.3	18.3
137	108	Allied Colloids†	130	+ 1	2.5	19.9
245	195	Amber Ind	208	.	3.4	13.6
73	47	Amberley Gp†	66		2.5	19.0
£158½	£120¾	BASF DM	£158½	+ 146½	2.8	
927½	689	BOC†	899	+ 2	3.8	17.3
303	235	BTP†	282		4.9	16.4
£189¾	£141¼	Bayer DM50	£189¾	+ 221½	3.1	. .
165	103	Baydon	141	.		
119	67	Brent Chems	87	..	4.6	23.8
278	200	Br Vita	216	+ 1	4.6	13.7
239	184	Canning (W)	271		4.6	13.5
469½	352	Courtaulds†	443	+ 6	4.4	20.2
387½	310	Croda	313		3.3	15.0
233	125	Doeflex	225		3.2	14.7
282	234	Ellis & Everard†	274	+ 4	4.0	14.6
107	58	Euro Colour	90½	+ 6½	2.8	22.1
224	114	Gibbon†	192	. .	4.2	13.8
145	76	Hickson	91	- 1	5.7	8.7
£193	£122¾	Hoechst	£192½	+ 21½	2.7	
221½	163	Holliday Chem	164		3.8	11.7
849½	660	ICI	832	+ 6	4.3	15.7
363	186¼	Inspec	352	.	1.7	24.6
158	97¼	Kalon	122		4.7	13.9
852	599	Laporte	663	.	4.3	13.6
98	65	MTM	88		2.3	15.8
385	275	Mcalders	301	.	4.7	13.6
66	30	Metrotect†	35		6.4	
516	382½	Montedison	409½	+ 5¼	5.1	17.9
425	290	Porvair	351		1.8	25.7
250	188	Scapa†	234	+ 4	3.3	16.1
34	16	Satellite SpeckA	29	+ 2	2.0	35.7
1083½	865¾	Takeda Chem	1034¼	- 6¼	0.8	14.1
1050	728	Wardle Storeys	973		2.8	16.5
374	255	Yorks Chem	362	+ 1	4.1	12.8
340	295	Yule Catto	321	.	2.9	17.0

MEDIA

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	335	Abbott Mead	470	+ 1	2.1	27.8
316	260	Adscore	269	..	3.7	14.9
41	22	Aegis Gp	40½	+ ¼	...	16.2
7¼	1¾	Allied Radio	5¼	- ¼	...	...
15	9	BBB Design	15	...	...	.
315	155	Barbour Index	311	...	3.6	38.4
10½	4½	Bilsdale	8	..	.	.

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
123	78½	Aberdeen Tst	117	..	2.7	...
101	75	BWD	86	...	6.1	14.0
78	36	Berry Bch Mal	40	..	8.1	11.3
285	148	Biotec Inv	268	+ 6	..	.

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1995/6 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
105¾	102⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	102⅝	- ⅛	14.87	5.96
107¼	102¼	Exch 13¼% 1996	102¼	..	12.96	6.01
104	103	Conv 10% 1996	103	+ ⅛	9.69	5.88
101	97¼	Treas 7% 1997	101	+ ⅛	6.90	5.89
109	106	Treas 13¼% 1997	107 †	+ ⅛	12.38	5.89
105	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	+ ⅛	10.03	5.87
104	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	104	+ ⅛	8.40	5.98
117	114	Exch 15% 1997	114	+ ⅛	13.08	5.99
107	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	106 †	+ ⅛	9.12	6.02
102	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	+ ⅛	7.09	6.07
100	94	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	+ ⅛	6.74	6.07
117	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	116	+ ⅛	11.99	6.22
124	120	Treas 15½% 1998	123	+ ⅛	12.05	6.23
114	109	Exch 12% 1998	114	+ ⅛	10.47	6.28
109	100	Treas 9½% 1999	108	+ ⅛	8.75	6.30
116	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	116	+ ⅛	10.50	6.36
112	105	Treas 10½% 1999	112	+ ⅛	9.38	6.37
98	89	Treas 6% 1999	97	+ ⅛	6.08	6.38
112	105	Conv 10¼% 1999	112	+ ⅛	9.11	6.48

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1995/6 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
108	100	Conv 9% 2000	108	+ ⅛	8.27	6.50
105	95	Treas 8% 2000	105	+ ⅛	7.56	6.66
124	117	Treas 13% 2000	124	+ ⅛	10.44	6.55
114	104	Treas 10% 2001	114	+ ⅛	8.77	6.75
101	98	Treas 7% 2001	101	+ ⅛	6.92	6.75
114	103	Treas 9¾% 2002	114	+ ⅛	8.51	6.83
105	94	Treas 8% 2003	105	+ ⅛	7.57	6.90
117	105	Treas 10% 2003	117	+ ⅛	8.54	7.04
119	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119	+ ⅛	9.59	6.84
83	70	Fund 3½% 1999-04	83	+ ⅛	4.17	5.92
114	103	Conv 9½% 2004	114	+ ⅛	8.29	7.21
96	86	Treas 6¾% 2004	96	+ ⅛	6.95	7.21
108	97	Treas 8½% 2005	108	+ ⅛	7.82	7.32
114	103	Conv 9½% 2005	114	+ ⅛	8.28	7.27
131¼	119	Treas 12½% 2003-05	131¼	+ ⅛	9.51	7.18
101	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	101	+ ⅛	7.37	7.25
103¼	92	Treas 7¾% 2006	103¼	+ ⅛	7.51	7.29
104	98	Treas 8% 2002-06	104	+ ⅛	7.67	7.38
125	113	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	125 †	+ ⅛	9.39	7.13
108	97	Treas 8½% 2007	108	+ ⅛	7.81	7.34
138	125	Treas 13½% 2004-08	138	+ ⅛	9.75	7.20
112	101	Treas 9% 2008	112	+ ⅛	7.98	7.41
104½	94	Treas 8% 2009	104½	+ ⅛	7.69	7.46

LONGS (over 15 years)

1995/6 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
88	79	Treas 6¼% 2010	88	+ ⅛	7.08	7.56
112	101	Conv 9% 2011	112	+ ⅛	7.98	7.58
113	102	Treas 9% 2012	113	+ ⅛	7.95	7.57
82	72	Treas 5½% 2008-12	82	+ ⅛	6.65	7.31
103	93	Treas 8% 2013	103	+ ⅛	7.71	7.59
101	91	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	101 †	+ ⅛	7.64	7.61
104	93	Treas 8% 2015	103	+ ⅛	7.70	7.61
111	100	Treas 8¾% 2017	111	+ ⅛	7.87	7.68
141	127	Exch 12% 2013-17	141	+ ⅛	8.49	7.69

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1995/6 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
45	40	War Ln 3½%	45	+ ⅛	7.71	...
31	28	Treas 2½%	31	+ ⅛	7.88	...
50	45	Consols 4%	50 xd	+ ⅛	7.90	...

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1995/6 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
215¾	201¼	Treas IL 2% 1996	215¾	+ ⅛	.	1.89
113	108	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113	+ ⅛	1.21	2.33
179	165	Treas IL 2½% 2001	179	+ ⅛	2.80	3.26
175	161	Treas IL 2½% 2003	175	+ ⅛	2.88	3.34
118	108	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	118	+ ⅛	2.97	3.29
185	168	Treas IL 2% 2006	185 †	+ ⅛	3.12	3.37
167	152	Treas IL 2½% 2009	167	+ ⅛	3.21	3.42
173	157	Treas IL 2½% 2011	173	+1	3.27	3.46
142	129	Treas IL 2½% 2013	142	+ ⅛	3.31	3.48
152	137	Treas IL 2½% 2016	152 †	+1	3.37	3.53
148	131	Treas IL 2½% 2020	148	+1	3.43	3.56
122	109	Treas IL 2½% 2024	121	+1	3.42	3.54
128	108	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	128 †	+ ⅛	3.44	3.56

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Groland Amer	196.30	207.70	+0.50	0.42
Groland Equity	275.80	293.40	+1.50	1.98
Groland Euro	250.70	265.30	+0.80	1.16
Groland Expt Bal	129.30	132.90		5.14
Groland Gilt	77.68	90.08	+0.03	4.76
Groland Japan	182.00	192.60	-0.80	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	632.90	673.30	+3.90	2.52
General Inc	543.60	578.40	+3.30	2.52
UK Growth Acc	427.60	454.90	+2.90	2.73
UK Growth Inc	284.60	303.00	+1.70	2.73
Higher Inc Acc	783.00	833.00	+2.60	4.07
Higher Inc Inc	435.60	463.50	+1.40	4.07
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	209.70	221.40	+0.80	5.40
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	96.40	101.80	+0.40	5.40
Nth America	325.30	346.10	-4.00	
Europe	329.30	350.40	-1.98	0.68
Brit Excell	85.57	91.04	-0.63	2.85
Brit Fndmtls Acc	113.80	121.10	-0.30	4.64
Brit Fndmtls Inc	79.68	84.77	+0.21	4.64
Global Opps	97.10	103.30	-0.40	0.29
Balanced Acc	61.88	65.84	-0.27	2.74
Balanced Inc	59.22	63.00	+0.25	2.74
Japan Acc	48.32	51.41	+0.31	
Pac Basin Acc	407.00	433.00	-0.80	0.92
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	133.40	141.50†		7.07
High Inc Equity	178.20	190.63†	-0.40	4.42
Worldwide Bond	296.30	314.20	-1.40	4.46
American Growth	334.90	358.10†	-3.00	0.36
Asian Pacific	335.90	359.30	-1.30	0.14
Assets & Earnings	297.60	310.20	+1.10	2.75
Euro Capital Acc	165.70	177.30	+1.00	0.58
Extra Inc	44.53	47.44†	+0.14	5.47
General	270.70	297.40	+1.30	2.90
Global Opps	61.88	65.83	+0.16	0.46
Japan	128.80	137.80	-0.60	
Managed Inc	47.99	51.05†	-0.11	4.55
Mastertrust	159.40	170.50	-0.70	1.46
US Emerging Cos	168.40	179.10	+1.60	
Ethical	75.94	80.79	+0.05	2.44
International	132.40	140.80	-0.70	0.66
Dividend & Growth	66.20	70.43†	+0.08	4.36
Global Gwth & Sec	71.36	76.21	-0.05	2.66
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2003.00	2082.00	+9.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	54.95	57.04	-0.22	0.54
Cash	50.35	50.35‡	+0.01	5.81
Emerging Mkts	70.63	74.85	+0.03	0.05
European	131.30	136.60	-0.90	
Exempt	1011.80	1084.60†	-0.60	1.72
Extra Income #	48.31	51.85†	-0.01	6.56
Far East Emg Ecn	127.70	134.00	+0.18	0.47
Fixed Interest #	24.10	25.07	+0.02	9.37
Fund Inv Tst	161.30	169.30†	-0.10	9.19
Japan	191.50	199.20		
Latin American	53.56	56.14	+0.47	0.87
Pacific	85.59	89.87	-0.04	0.29
Property Share	63.03	66.16‡	-0.07	2.65
UK Emerging Cos	68.95	73.03†	-0.09	1.68
UK Growth	49.84	52.72	+0.25	2.23
Abtr World Port #	79.68	91.16	+0.22	2.02
Ethical	74.91	77.60†	-0.06	2.27
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	51.22	51.22†	+0.08	7.35
For AEGON see Matheson				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resdl Property	97.95	105.00	+0.40	5.09
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	84.20	89.24	+0.08	2.27
Income Builder Inc	77.74	82.70†	-0.60	2.77
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	265.50	283.80	-3.50	2.75
Capital	466.30	498.30	+5.10	1.66
Balanced	768.10	821.00†	+9.80	2.42
Accumulator	1475.00	1576.00	-17.00	2.57
Income Trusts				
American Income	58.52	62.55	+0.21	2.85
High Income	439.00	469.30	+4.90	3.29
Equity Income	242.60	259.30†	-2.90	3.21
High Yield	264.10	282.30	+3.30	3.08
Govt Securities	35.35	37.19	+0.19	5.70
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	189.90	202.90	+1.70	0.34
European Growth	44.41	47.27	+0.41	0.07
International	184.50	197.10†	+0.50	0.17
Japan	210.70	224.30†	-0.90	0.01
Pacific	419.10	449.00	-3.40	0.01
Secs of America	521.80	566.40	+4.00	0.42
Worlds Asset Val	54.67	58.44	+0.14	0.21
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	588.80	629.40	+6.50	2.03
Conv & Gilt	46.15	49.33	+0.28	4.70
Smaller Cos	191.60	204.80†	+0.80	1.09
2nd Smaller Cos	181.70	194.30	+0.50	1.25
Recovery	155.10	165.80	-1.70	1.58
Met Min & Cdty	167.50	179.00	+1.90	0.66
Oseas Earnings	392.10	419.10‡	+4.70	1.61
Technology	201.50	215.40†	+1.20	0.01
UK Special Sits	536.70	573.70†	+4.50	1.51
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Crtcld Ctr Pens	112.70	117.00	+0.80	3.04
Foundn Pers Pens	67.61	70.24	-0.79	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0833				
Capital	79.05	84.10†	-0.78	1.75
International	70.22	74.70		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	304.30	326.70	+1.60	.
Bond	130.90	127.20†	-0.10	6.61
Brit Smlr Cos	110.70	117.80†	+0.10	1.72
Conv & Gen #	70.32	74.81	+0.11	5.35
Europe	250.70	265.60	+2.00	0.61
Euro Smlr Cos	111.50	118.80	+0.60	0.63
Income Gwth	382.80	407.20	+1.10	3.77
Japan	335.30	356.90	-0.70	
Latin American	76.99	81.35	-0.40	0.98
Pacific	114.00	121.30†	-0.30	1.16
UK Smlr Cos	57.99	61.89	-0.13	1.29
Japan Fd	700.00	722.20	+4.90	
Mngd Fd	195.00	207.10	+1.50	2.87
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	336.30	356.70		1.02
Capital Gwth	122.70	129.80		2.52
Wwide Opps	207.90	219.90		0.91
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bist Inv Fd Inc	394.30	410.70	+2.10	2.55
European Bd Inc	96.19	99.56†	+0.16	6.74
Exempt	79.55	84.85	-0.11	3.93
Financial	93.71	100.20	+0.84	2.37
500	479.70	518.60	+0.30	2.62
General	304.90	326.50	-0.40	2.53
Property	240.30	257.80†		6.40
Trustee	212.10	226.20†	+0.60	2.23
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.20	100.20†		5.90
Extra Income #	130.70	139.80	-0.40	4.83
Gilt & Fxd Int	59.64	61.75	-0.06	8
Income #	566.80	606.20‡	+1.40	4.75
Income Builder #	68.32	72.87	+0.08	5.36
Intl Income	69.37	73.79†	+0.34	3.09
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	134.90	143.90	+0.50	2.14
Leisure	154.10	164.80	+0.30	0.90
Recovery	456.20	487.90	+1.60	2.80
Smlr Cos Inc	50.24	53.88	+0.06	2.28
Special Sits	344.10	368.10	+1.20	1.42
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	158.40	168.30	-1.00	0.28
Aust Acc	270.60	289.00	-1.50	1.83
Aust Inc	163.20	174.30†	+1.00	1.83
Euro Gwth Inc	172.30	182.90	+1.30	0.62
-do- Accum	186.10	197.50	+1.30	0.62
Japan & Gen Inc	164.30	173.90	+0.60	
-do- Accum	166.20	175.90	+0.60	
Japan Spec Sits	75.29	79.76	+0.25	
Worldwide	189.60	201.20†	+0.50	0.50
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	112.90	119.40	+0.40	
Amer Smllr Cos	139.50	149.80	+1.20	
Convertibles	56.77	60.95†	-0.43	5.40
Eastern	304.90	330.20	-1.10	0.30
Equity Income	91.67	97.97	+0.36	3.80
European Growth	339.20	360.20	+0.20	0.80
Europe	283.00	300.60	-2.80	1.90
German Growth	83.87	88.86	+0.71	0.50
Global Bond	70.52	74.26†	+0.53	6.50
Global Growth	142.10	151.40	+0.50	0.50
Japan Growth	210.00	223.90	+0.10	
Japan Source	165.20	176.00	+0.30	
Korea Trust	71.11	77.62	-0.38	
Portfolio	141.60	151.70	+0.60	2.30
-do- Accum	263.80	282.70	+1.10	2.38
UK Growth	91.75	98.20	+0.65	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	84.72	92.42	+0.74	2.50
Select Managers	84.15	90.20	-0.33	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	87.02	92.57†		
Special Opptr Inc	61.35	65.27		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6030				
Balanced Growth	127.01	134.40	+0.60	1.50
-do- Accum	145.33	153.78	+0.68	1.50
Smaller Cos	124.51	131.76	+0.36	0.70
Higher Yield #	52.19	55.23†	+0.23	4.33
American Gilt Inc	85.36	90.33	-0.55	
European Growth	144.67	153.09	+1.48	0.30
-do- Accum	147.52	156.11	+1.51	0.30
Global Bond Inc #	28.11	29.12	+0.12	7.09
Mngd Pfolio Inc	48.43	51.23	+0.49	1.37
-do- Accum	49.67	52.54	+0.50	1.37
Intl Spec Opps	142.81	151.12	+1.39	
Pacific Gth	145.46	153.92	-0.37	0.31
UK General #	87.27	92.29†	+1.81	3.22
-do- Accum #	91.81	97.15	+1.90	3.22
Japan	62.95	66.61†	+0.76	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	103.05	106.80	+0.12	8.29
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	68.32	69.19		6.13
C&S UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0181 837 5000				
Broxton	172.30	183.30†	+0.20	1.75
UK Growth	192.70	205.00	+0.70	2.00
UK Income	145.00	154.30	+0.40	4.21
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	218.40	231.50		1.71
-do- Income Dist	119.20	126.40		3.98
-do- Accum	375.20	397.70		3.96
Gilt & Fxd Int	42.35	44.78	. .	6.07
Growth Units	232.28	249.40		2.07
Bond	180.10	189.98		7.07
Intl Growth	237.20	252.20		0.22
North American	231.00	245.80		0.33
Far East	308.00	329.40		0.86
UK Smaller Cos	203.30	217.40		1.39
European	91.35	97.85	.	0.67
Japanese Growth	49.48	52.55		
High Income	210.70	225.30		3.94
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0181 831 7433 Enq 0181 831 7433 Dlg 0181 831 7455				
American & Gen	187.80	199.00	+1.40	
European Inc	88.77	94.05	+0.17	1.06
Smaller Cos (4-1)	94.77	100.82	+0.37	1.43
Growth	488.70	517.50	+6.50	1.80
Income & Growth #	441.70	469.90†	+7.80	3.83
-do- Accum #	652.80	694.50	+4.10	3.83
Japan & Gen	72.05	76.54	-0.04	
Master Portfolio	£111.51	£115.11†	+55.00	2.12
-do- Accum	£135.84	£140.23	+67.00	2.12
Special Sits	112.80	120.00†	+0.80	1.69
High Yield	£14.39	£14.84	+8.00	4.28

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	95.52	101.88†		2.53
American Portfolio	112.10	119.03		0.97
European Portfolio	114.55	122.27	. .	0.47
High Income	52.90	53.01		5.00
Japanese Portfolio	70.89	75.47†	+0.10	
Pacific Portfolio	156.44	168.22	+0.51	1.43
UK Inc & Growth	89.64	95.82	.	2.98
Utility & Bond	58.10	58.75		6.52
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0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	728.34	739.34	-7.68	4.36
Fxd Int Sec	158.55	159.19	+0.75	8.98
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	738.09	739.09	+6.78	4.38
Investment Acc	£32.47	£32.96	+27.98	
Fixed Int Inc	128.81	129.33	+1.15	8.89
Fixed Int Acc	219.17	220.05	+1.35	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Bachman Intl	95.72	101.02		2.94
Beck Bio-Tech	48.65	52.35†	-3.05	
Acorn Ethical Tst	162.64	176.92†		0.63
City Fin Assets	76.28	80.10		2.08
City Fin America	108.93	114.39		
City Fin Intl	91.84	96.44		0.85
City Fin Japan	154.83	162.59†	.	
Friars Hse Cap	296.10	320.90†		2.28
Friars Hse Inc	197.00	209.60		4.24
Buckley Wrld Gth	135.06	143.18		.
Fairmnt Cap Gth	146.04	153.73	+0.74	
Fairmount Intl	157.04	165.31	+0.69	
J Sid Inc/Gth Inc	56.38	59.20†	+0.89	1.59
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	57.83	61.36	+0.20	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	72.22	76.83	+0.76	..
Dragon Growth	72.37	77.40	-0.06	0.65
Equity High Inc	90.17	95.93	+0.44	3.91
-do- Accum	126.04	134.09	+0.61	3.91
Extra Income Inc	26.83	28.25†		7.07
Extra Income Acc	28.25	29.75		7.07
European Gwth	59.50	63.13	+0.24	1.06
Evergreen	29.83	31.88	+0.14	
General Equity	97.50	103.45	+0.44	2.78
Japan Growth	53.61	57.03	-0.21	..
Pedigree Gwth	58.54	62.28	+0.27	2.59
Prof Sm Cos Inc	34.26	36.45	-0.04	1.53
-do- Accum	36.09	38.39	-0.03	1.53
Retirement Inc #	27.92	29.70	+0.23	5.57
Special Sits	43.88	46.68	+0.09	2.09
UK & Overseas	56.15	59.58	+0.32	0.76
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	77.28	80.60	+0.46	1.89
Balanced	67.10	69.89	+0.14	4.02
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	177.90	189.25	+0.69	4.62
Fixed & Convertible	41.39	44.03†	+0.07	6.69
Monthly Inc Plus	50.45	53.67	+0.02	8.35
Preference Share	47.41	50.44†	-0.01	7.53
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	133.52	142.04†	+0.54	5.72
Managed Fund	74.94	79.72	+0.27	2.95
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	44.22	47.04	+0.13	1.73
-do- Accum	51.47	54.76	+0.15	1.73
UK & General	90.10	95.85	+0.54	2.67
-do- Accum	115.64	123.02	+0.71	2.67
UK Growth	169.49	180.31	+0.97	2.24
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	204.66	217.72	+1.03	0.11
Far Eastern Gth	138.55	147.39	-0.40	
Global Bond	86.49	91.93	+0.71	5.75
Japan Growth	119.90	127.55	+0.23	
North Amer Gth	211.72	225.23	+2.35	.
Oriental Growth	84.62	90.02	-0.47	0.06
Worldwide Growth	72.85	77.50	+0.33	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.77	92.77	+0.01	5.82
Homemaker Fund	89.67	95.39	+0.41	1.58
Quilter Fund	148.98	158.49	+1.15	1.92
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	33.81	38.20	+0.21	3.29
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	171.70	182.70	+0.70	1.68
Income	73.22	77.89	+0.82	5.53
European	68.43	72.80	+0.47	0.66
Recovery	169.30	180.00	-0.40	2.12
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9484				
Equity Dist	911.40	926.60		3.53
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	95.32	101.40	+0.10	1.48
Income #	274.30	291.80	+1.20	4.10
-do- Accum #	703.60	748.50	+3.10	4.10
Smaller Cos	203.60	216.50†	+0.30	0.96
-do- Accum	251.60	267.60†	+0.30	0.96
Inv Portfolio	93.56	99.53	+0.20	1.50
High Inc Port #	79.25	84.30	+0.32	4.23
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1594.50	1650.50	+1.10	
Japan Small Cos	1250.50	1275.70	-15.80	.
UK Small Cos	1936.50	2016.70†	+9.00	.
US Small Cos	1934.90	1976.60	+10.50	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	219.40	230.90		2.96
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	309.20	326.60	+2.00	0.65
New Asia	238.50	254.40	-0.90	0.23
Japan Growth	115.30	122.60	-0.30	
Jap Smllr Co	469.70	500.20	+0.70	
Nth Amer	356.20	376.80	+2.80	0.78
UK Inc & Gth	239.60	255.70	+1.50	2.77
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	157.20	167.20†	+0.50	1.60
UK High Inc Inc	167.50	178.10	+0.50	4.04
-do- Accum	222.00	236.10	+0.70	4.04
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.28	63.96†	+0.04	4.90
Environmtl Opps	93.99	99.98	+0.19	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	61.34	65.25	-0.15	0.01
Extra Income Inc	49.54	52.70	+0.28	7.80
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 528				
American	157.70	167.20	+0.80	0.48
Convertibles #	21.74	23.10†	-0.06	6.06
Equity Income #	137.70	146.30†	+0.90	4.10
Eurofund	55.14	58.43†	-0.44	0.34
Financial	51.14	54.34	+0.21	1.38
Growth & Inc #	270.90	287.60	+1.80	2.88
High Dist #	172.40	183.30	+1.10	4.64
International	430.00	456.90	-1.80	0.11
Intl Cap Inc	102.10	109.00†	+0.30	3.03
Latin American	29.66	31.51	+0.09	
Pacific	86.52	91.93	+0.17	
Pref High Inc	21.99	23.36†	+0.05	7.06
Tokyo	242.50	257.30	-1.20	
UK Smaller Cos	249.10	264.70	-0.30	1.13
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BPI Director Dgs	101.24	107.82	-1.00	1.39
Growth Acc	242.53	258.53	-0.74	0.76
Income	593.75	631.55	-0.29	5.13
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	221.60	235.70	+2.90	1.12
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	88.99	93.67	+0.47	1.89
Ethical Tst	46.36	48.80†	+0.25	1.41
Far Eastern	317.29	333.99	+0.18	1.85
High Income	138.80	146.10	+1.44	4.79
Intl Growth	131.18	138.08	+0.84	0.48
North American	133.74	140.78	+0.91	1.56
Pelican	133.04	140.04	+1.65	3.23
Smaller Cos	67.28	70.82†	+0.06	2.95
Special Sits	92.55	97.42	+0.87	3.00
Tst of Inv Tsts	203.73	214.45	+0.47	1.19
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	207.34	220.57	-0.36	1.28
Smaller Cos Acc	366.93	390.35	-0.63	1.28
Recovery	52.22	55.55	-0.08	1.52
Recovery Acc	53.49	56.90	-0.06	1.52
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	87.36	93.67	-0.11	.
Fd of Inv Tsts	49.91	52.92†	-0.04	0.55
High Income #	39.66	42.50†	-0.01	10.82
Warrant	54.62	59.37	-0.12	
Zero Preference	42.03	44.59†	-0.12	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	83.18	88.48†	+0.040	3.35
Family Income Tst	45.62	45.62†	-0.12	6.53
Family Trust	91.40	97.23†	-0.04	2.89
United Charities	274.60	292.10	-0.20	4.94
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	6.00
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	28.39	28.48†	+0.05	7.02
Intl Bond	30.82	31.98	+0.27	5.25
Income Funds				
High Income	25.86	27.16†	-0.09	5.31
Income Plus	123.20	131.00	+0.80	4.04
Amer Eq Inc	57.38	60.83†	+0.36	1.45
European Income	46.42	49.38	+0.19	2.32
Far East Inc	67.80	72.13	+0.41	2.28
Global Convertible	24.84	28.39†	+0.10	2.65
UK Div Gth	28.36	30.16	+0.14	2.20
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	71.09	75.67	-0.41	
American	302.20	320.30	+3.00	.
Amer Spec Sits	156.20	166.60	+2.30	
Japan Smaller Cos	37.52	40.03	+0.14	
European	202.50	215.40	+1.10	0.63
European Opps	71.99	76.55	+0.57	0.14
Global Prv	28.91	30.74	+0.22	0.73
UK Growth	106.00	112.80	+0.70	1.27
Growth & Inc	160.90	171.10†	+1.00	2.75
Intl PEP	43.36	46.11	+0.27	1.65
Japan Spec Sits	93.76	99.87	-0.23	
Japan	191.20	203.30	+1.20	
Managed Intl	323.30	343.80	+2.10	0.43
Moneybuilder	61.00	64.86	+0.25	
Recovery	51.78	55.06	+0.16	1.40
South E Asia	178.00	189.50	+0.40	1.02
Special Sits	612.00	650.80	+1.10	0.71
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	112.66	112.88†	-0.01	6.00
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	146.80	149.70	.	1.98
Inc Pfolio #	91.78	93.32	+0.29	3.30
Cap Pfolio	157.30	159.80†	+0.70	1.45
General Opps	136.50	138.00		3.36
Growth Inc	34.68	35.23	+0.21	1.32
Private Portfolio	457.70	468.10		1.82
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 610				
Euro Smlr Cos	132.00	140.60	+1.00	0.63
Emrg Asian	158.30	169.30	-1.30	
High Income	21.63	23.19	+0.12	9.70
UK Income	111.10	118.40	+0.40	4.22
US Smaller Cos	375.80	401.00	+3.30	.
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	78.79	82.65	-0.01	4.10
Investment Trust	102.80	108.10	-0.06	
UK Smaller Cos	94.05	98.90†	-0.11	1.03

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6600 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	70.09	74.68	+0.86	
-do- Accum	70.09	74.66	+0.86	.
Amer Smllr Cos	594.70	636.00	+6.80	.
-do- Accum	607.60	649.80	+6.90	
Capital Tst	345.60	367.70	+0.40	1.32
-do- Accum	501.90	533.90	+0.50	1.32
Contl Smlr Cos	59.67	63.48	+0.95	0.88
-do- Accum	62.97	66.99	+1.01	0.88
Convertible	134.63	143.20†	+0.70	5.31
-do- Accum	285.60	303.80†	+1.40	5.31
Emerging Markets	67.88	72.52†	-0.03	
-do- Accum	68.11	72.77†	-0.03	
European	131.60	139.30	+1.00	0.20
-do- Accum	138.40	146.50	+1.00	0.20
Extra Income	365.90	389.30	+1.90	3.74
-do- Accum	569.60	606.00	+3.00	3.74
Financial	151.00	160.60	+1.10	0.49
-do- Accum	159.80	170.10	+1.20	0.49
Gilt Trust	65.83	67.87	+0.33	5.90
-do- Accum	96.95	99.95	+0.48	5.90
Health Fund Inc	242.40	259.00	+3.50	
-do- Accum	242.40	259.00	+3.50	
Income & Growth	216.00	229.80	+1.90	3.05
-do- Accum	337.60	359.20	+2.90	3.05
Intl Growth	405.70	432.80	+3.30	.
-do- Accum	450.50	480.50	+3.50	.
Japan & Gen	185.90	198.00	+0.40	
-do- Accum	187.80	200.00	+0.50	
Monthly Inc #	180.20	191.70†	-0.50	3.66
Managed Port Inc	115.00	121.10	-0.50	1.78
-do- Accum	123.50	130.00	-0.50	1.78
Quarterly Income #	54.74	58.23	+0.19	4.56
-do- Accum #	80.69	84.56	+0.21	4.56
Recovery	349.60	373.80†	-1.10	0.69
-do- Accum	412.70	441.40†	-1.20	0.69
UK Growth	60.93	64.82	+0.11	2.23
-do- Accum	64.59	68.71	+0.14	2.23
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881349				
FP American	54.69	58.18	+0.21	0.66
FP Am Smllr Cos	175.40	187.50	+2.70	.
FP Asian Growth	287.70	307.70	-0.10	.
FP Australian	382.80	410.70	+2.10	.
FP Equity Dist	425.00	452.10	+1.60	2.39
-do- Accum	921.60	980.40	+3.30	2.39
FP Euro Gth	253.90	270.10	+2.20	0.12
-do- Accum	275.50	293.50	+2.30	0.12
FP Intl Bond	62.89	66.55	+0.28	4.57
FP Intl Gth Dist	36.57	39.02	+0.18	0.46
-do- Accum	53.40	56.89	+0.16	0.46
FP Pac Basin Acc	222.80	238.10	-0.70	.
FP Income	57.00	60.80	+0.15	4.95
-do- Accum	192.70	205.50	+0.35	4.95
FP Jap Smlr Cos	313.10	333.90	+0.60	
FP Monthly Dist	74.60	79.61	+0.13	5.10
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20		6
FP Tokyo	84.87	90.52	+0.04	.
FP UK Focus	39.74	42.73	+0.13	2.57
FP UK Growth	188.10	200.60	+0.90	2.60
-do- Accum	373.30	398.10	+1.80	2.60
Stewardship Dist	380.70	404.90	+0.10	1.82
-do- Accum	473.70	503.90	+0.10	1.82
Stwdshp Inc Dist	77.29	82.22	+0.09	4.55
-do- Accum	103.00	109.52	+0.20	4.55
N Am Stshp Dist	114.58	121.80	+0.70	0.98
-do- Accum	122.80	130.60	+0.80	0.98
FPAM Inst UK Sm Co	95.50	100.00		
do Accum	95.50	100.00		
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	120.60	128.20	+0.70	1.11
Open Cap Gth Acc	124.20	132.10	+0.50	0.08
Cap Gth Inc Inc	115.50	122.80	+0.60	2.41
Cap Gth Inc Acc	119.50	127.10	+0.70	2.41
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	118.60	126.10	+0.30	3.34
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	123.10	130.90	+0.30	3.34
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	269.10	284.60	+1.40	2.17
Cash	49.73	50.47		5.27
Growth Portfolio	85.82	90.97†	+0.26	0.90
Income Portfolio	68.58	73.52	+0.40	4.19
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	217.20	232.30	+2.60	1.96
Dividend	95.72	102.40		4.66
Intl Gth & Inc	235.60	252.00†	+0.90	3.11
UK & Gen	48.75	52.14	-0.37	1.96
Fund of Funds	71.12	76.06	+0.38	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	229.30	245.30	+2.30	
European	608.20	648.00	+2.90	0.29
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	53.38	56.66	+0.29	4.79
-do- Accum	57.99	61.68	+0.32	4.79
Far East & Gen	277.80	297.20†	+1.10	..
Germany	125.00	132.50	+1.20	
High Yield #	50.78	53.66	-0.05	7.92
-do- Accum #	53.33	56.36	-0.05	7.92
Income Inc	174.20	186.30	+0.30	4.21
-do- Accum	192.10	205.50	+0.30	4.21
International	365.20	390.30	+3.90	
Intl Income	92.97	98.41†	+0.30	2.93
Japan & General	451.90	481.40	+1.80	
Korean Securities	81.36	86.63	+0.06	
Orient Acc	158.20	169.20	+0.20	0.20
Smllr Cos Div Inc	45.21	48.36†		4.39
-do- Accum	50.68	54.42		4.39
UK Capital Inc	182.40	195.10	+0.80	1.46
UK Capital Acc	321.50	343.90	+1.30	1.46
UK Spec Sits	93.96	100.50	+0.20	1.29
US & General	177.20	187.60	+2.50	
Wwide Spec Sits	159.40	170.30	+1.20	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	57.28	61.10	+0.38	1.82
Cash Trust	142.01	142.01†	+0.02	5.99
Practical Inv Inc #	121.32	129.75	+0.36	2.61
-do- Accum #	284.71	304.50	+0.84	2.61
UK Index	170.30	171.18	+0.97	3.28
UK Smaller Cos	151.11	161.62	+0.21	0.72
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.69	25.59†	+0.06	7.50
High Income	34.63	37.03	+0.12	5.08
UK Equity Income	152.21	162.79	+0.54	3.01
Global Bond	31.25	32.39†	+0.19	4.97
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.71	48.89	-0.34	.
Global Managed	146.06	155.32	+0.64	1.55
Gold & Intl Res	119.67	127.99	+1.35	0.88
Global Utilities	143.85	153.79†	+0.28	1.68
Overseas Funds				
American	174.16	185.28	+1.43	0.93
European	122.85	130.12	+0.94	0.91
Euro Sel Opps	182.30	193.30	+1.26	.
Amer Emerging	132.41	141.61†	+2.18	..
Hong Kong	160.01	171.06	-0.12	1.88
Japan	257.64	273.61	+7.50	
Pacific Growth	225.19	240.84	-1.75	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	240.99	240.59†	+0.94	2.10
Long Term Bal	263.88	263.88†	+0.80	3.06
Med Term Bal	220.82	220.82†	+0.78	3.11
UK Equity	274.93	274.93	+1.21	2.55
UK Emerging Cos	158.32	158.32†	+0.75	2.09
American	290.72	290.72	+1.29	1.18
Japan	137.87	137.87	+0.24	
European	317.16	317.16	+2.32	1.02
Index Linked Gilt	181.80	181.80†	+0.89	2.69
Fixed Interest	174.32	174.32	+0.12	6.28
Amer Emerging	311.51	311.51	+4.77	
Pacific	252.49	252.49†	-1.30	0.79
Emerging Mkts	126.90	126.90	+0.18	0.68
Index Strat Japan	158.11	158.11†	-0.37	0.18
-do- Pacific Rim	203.81	203.81†	-1.31	1.36
-do- Cont Europe	177.11	177.11†	+1.02	1.80
Index Strat USA	172.12	172.12†	+0.85	1.82
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	113.38	120.62	+0.48	
Med Term Bal	104.96	111.66	+0.40	
Long Term Bal	118.43	125.98	+0.38	
UK Equity	127.20	135.31	+0.60	
UK Emerging Cos	74.05	78.77	+0.13	
American	134.74	143.34	+0.64	
Japan	65.93	70.14	+0.12	
European	131.46	139.85	+1.02	
Fixed Interest	88.90	94.57	+0.07	
Index Linked Gilt	80.60	85.74	+0.42	
Deposit	84.41	89.79	+0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	154.94	163.09	+0.44	0.52
Brclll Gth Port Inc	70.14	74.03	+0.22	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	80.87	84.24†	+0.21	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	58.65	61.30	+0.27	0.10
Shaw Utilities	63.95	67.49	+0.02	3.15
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	590.46	628.15		1.65
-do- Accum	667.16	709.74	-0.59	1.65
European Inc	164.23	174.37		0.99
Amalgam Inc	159.82	166.88	. .	0.41
N America Inc	365.28	385.40		0.60
Far East Inc	389.10	413.94		
-do- Accum	403.14	428.88		
UK Dvld Inc	189.06	201.13		2.77
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	100.21	107.17†	+0.86	4.15
UK Small Cos	59.84	63.99	+0.25	0.71
British Growth	66.43	71.04	+0.39	2.44
American Gwth	230.82	246.86†	+2.72	
Japan Gwth	69.71	73.56†	+0.77	
Greater China	189.51	202.67	-1.47	0.58
Pacific Strategy	165.30	176.68	+2.42	0.55
European Gwth	98.33	105.14	+0.71	0.69
Intl Growth	158.45	169.46†	-0.05	
US Index (£)	16.8820	17.7877	+0.0894	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	83.79	89.51	-0.75	2.13
Monthly Income	41.12	43.91†	+0.12	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 665 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	13.8895	14.8630	+0.1715	5.50
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	1.0114	1.0760†	+2.07	1.42
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9868				
European	548.90	584.20	+2.70	0.42
Gilt & Fixed	134.50	142.70		5.57
Growth Equity	392.30	419.10	+1.60	1.40
Income Trust	145.40	155.30	+0.20	3.44
International	206.80	220.70	-0.90	0.08
Japan Trust	135.50	144.70	+0.10	
Nth American	326.50	348.60	+2.80	
Pacific	594.80	635.40	-1.20	0.11
Goodhill	595.30	635.60	+0.70	1.46
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	110.24	115.07	+0.71	6.15
Global High Inc	106.49	110.53	+1.01	5.80
Corporate Bond	106.31	110.36†	+0.16	6.35
Eqty & Bond Inc	109.89	116.84†	+0.34	5.08
European Growth	117.03	124.44	+0.77	
Intl PEP Trust	68.46	72.78	+0.16	
Equity Inc	133.91	142.28	+0.54	4.12
-do- Accum	190.41	202.46	+0.77	4.12
Recovery	359.60	382.40	-0.10	2.21
-do- Accum	421.50	448.20	-0.10	2.21
St Vinc High Inc	127.84	129.75	+0.58	6.64
UK Emerg Cos	259.70	276.10	-12.30	2.04
UK Smlr Cos	364.80	371.20†		2.44
Glob Prv Tst	106.08	112.78	+0.04	1.13
-do- Accum	108.07	114.90	+0.05	1.13
Inc Share Tst	89.42	95.08†	-0.01	7.94
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	30.44	32.37	+0.23	1.98
Growth Acc	30.62	32.66	+0.23	1.98
Income	29.78	31.57†	+0.17	4.16
Income Acc	30.80	32.66	+0.17	4.16
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380				
High Provider	102.30	105.80	+0.30	6.93
Model Pfolio	230.30	242.20	+0.60	2.49
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 280 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	350.04	374.54	-0.42	1.29
Best of British	69.80	74.19	+0.37	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	138.48	148.86	+0.13	1.54
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	298.72	318.12†	+1.59	3.59
-do- Accum #	827.47	881.22	+4.41	3.59
High Income	333.16	356.14†	+1.25	4.35
Extra Income #	294.84	313.56†	+0.61	5.67
Pref & Bond	47.89	49.49†	+0.06	8.30
International				
International	307.60	327.24	-0.47	
Global Bond	58.98	62.08†	+0.58	5.56
Intl Port Tst	93.62	100.12†	+0.29	0.42
Global Tech	226.95	242.72	-1.84	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	188.54	201.94†	-0.08	0.74
European	560.16	593.39	+3.93	0.46
European Income #	90.28	95.53	+0.34	2.66

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	162.68	173.81	-0.50	0.87
Eur Sp Sits	79.98	85.16	+0.48	1.24
-do- Accum	85.59	91.23	+0.52	1.24
Japan Trust	237.07	252.09†	-8.09	..
Japan Special Sits	235.13	250.76	+0.54	
Pacific Smlr Cos	242.44	259.47	-0.61	
North American	285.66	303.31†	+0.58	
American Smaller	144.03	153.98	+1.99	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth	156.80	164.70	+0.10	4.05
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	113.14	118.47	+1.12	1.81
Capital	197.15	205.44	+1.29	1.24
Dollar	435.86	456.40	+3.58	
Enterprise Gth	373.15	390.73	+1.74	1.38
European	263.77	278.20	+2.17	0.45
Far East	331.12	346.73	-2.35	
Financial	980.38	1010.26	+10.03	1.78
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.41	27.47†	+0.05	6.43
High Yield	109.78	114.95	+0.74	3.58
Income & Growth	158.79	166.27	+1.26	3.04
International	289.35	302.99†	-1.35	
Japanese General	227.50	238.22	-0.27	.
Japan Tech	96.99	101.56	+0.05	
Nat Resources	85.29	89.31	+1.84	
Portfolio	81.68	85.53	+0.47	1.35
Special Sits	179.46	187.91	+0.65	0.72
UK Emerging Cos	106.62	111.64†	+0.19	0.83
US Smaller Cos	122.72	128.51	+0.72	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	111.70	119.20†	+0.40	6.37
Capital	674.20	719.40	+4.50	2.05
Income #	608.90	649.48†	+1.60	6.53
Footsie Fund	61.84	62.15†	+0.44	3.05
[illegible] Index	116.90	119.90	+0.40	2.35
UK Index	157.60	158.40†	+1.00	3.49
International Funds				
American Growth	574.80	611.00	+2.00	0.46
American Index	257.80	259.10	+0.70	1.30
European Growth	131.20	140.00†	+0.90	0.15
Eurotrack 100	187.50	188.40	+1.30	1.03
Global Bond	23.27	24.59†	+0.17	5.61
Japan Growth	299.70	319.60	-0.80	
Japan Index	84.19	84.61	-0.01	0.19
Japan Smlr Cos	34.31	36.62	+0.45	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	65.22	69.61†	-0.54	0.16
Hong Kong Gwth	126.40	134.90		1.19
Spore & Mlysn Gth	87.34	93.21	+0.37	
Tiger Index	215.50	216.60	-1.00	0.44
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	42.15	43.81	-0.03	0.59
General Funds				
Managed Dist	82.26	85.51	+0.36	1.31
Managed	84.01	87.33	+0.36	1.31
Rupert Child Fnd	97.16	101.00	+0.70	2.09
UK Growth	67.85	70.32	+0.46	2.04
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	85.76	89.15†	+0.45	6.63
Gilt & Fixed Int	27.53	28.40†	+0.07	7.73
UK Inc & Gwth	45.14	46.92	+0.28	3.27
UK Income	356.50	370.60	+2.70	4.86
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	56.34	60.58	+0.53	0.26
Amer Smlr Cos	133.40	138.70	+2.30	
-do- Accum	134.80	140.10	+2.30	..
Europe Gth	188.90	195.00	+1.30	.
-do- Accum	195.70	203.00	+1.30	.
Euro Smaller Cos	36.38	37.82	+0.21	
French Growth	88.16	91.86	+0.68	0.34
-do- Accum	94.60	98.34	+0.74	0.34
H Kong & China	92.28	95.92†	+0.25	1.21
Intl Growth	65.47	68.06	+0.29	0.30
-do- Accum	66.38	69.00	+0.29	0.30
Japan Gth	34.26	35.61	+0.04	
-do- Accum	34.26	35.61	+0.04	
Japan Smaller Cos	40.50	42.10	+0.43	
Glob Emg Mkts	98.18	102.10	-0.40	.
-do- Accum	98.88	102.80	-0.40	.
SE Asia	356.70	370.80	-1.20	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	57.59	59.33	+0.35	5.83
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc	100.70	108.20	-0.30	4.01
Sector Value Gwth	101.10	106.60	+0.50	2.25
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	211.80	225.30	+5.00	
Income #	190.70	202.87†	+0.23	4.21
UK Growth	74.90	79.68†	+0.72	0.44
International	83.81	89.15†	+0.06	0.07
Ecology	94.58	100.61	+1.29	1.07
European	150.14	159.62	+0.16	
Far Eastern	317.10	337.30	-0.70	.

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	102.20	105.80†	+0.10	7.26
Gilt Yield	121.50	128.20†	+0.70	6.63
Global Income	230.30	245.00	+1.10	3.54
High Yield	148.40	157.90†	+1.30	5.68
-do- Accum	472.40	502.60†	+4.20	5.68
Smlr Cos Div	57.27	60.93	+0.11	2.81
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	128.80	136.20†	+1.00	
Asian Growth	346.50	368.60	-2.80	0.22
-do- Accum	407.20	433.20	-3.20	0.22
North American	97.08	103.30†	+0.82	0.25
European Special	118.90	126.50	+1.00	0.10
European	169.60	180.40†	+1.50	0.45
-do- Accum	223.60	237.90†	+1.90	0.45
Global Eqty Inc	117.50	124.80	+0.80	2.06
Japan	436.30	464.20	-1.60	
Japanese Special	237.70	252.90	+0.40	
Smaller Cos	127.10	135.20†	+0.30	1.13
UK Equity Growth	46.28	49.23	+0.24	1.50
UK Index Inc	318.40	320.00	+2.70	3.40
Bircham Tst	104.50	112.90	+2.20	2.66
-do- Accum	104.50	112.90	+2.20	2.66
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	286.77	305.07	+0.91	5.07
Inc & Growth Inc	60.03	63.86†	+0.42	4.27
Smaller Cos	72.62	77.26		1.31
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	275.40	292.90†	+1.60	1.83
High Income	111.80	118.90†	+0.50	4.37
International	112.70	119.80	+0.80	0.50
European Trust	84.31	89.69	+0.57	0.85
Japanese Trust	44.66	47.51	+0.27	
American Trust	104.80	111.40	+1.10	
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	421.50	447.20	+2.28	2.29
UK Inc/Gth	452.10	479.70	+2.09	2.91
UK Income	314.70	333.90	+1.30	3.59
UK Sm Cos	267.70	286.30	+0.30	1.72
Euro Gwth	150.50	158.50	+0.80	
N Amer Gwth	112.49	119.20	+1.60	0.20
Japan Growth	68.56	72.73	-0.01	
Money Mkt	129.133	129.133	. .	0.000
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	548.40	583.40	+3.10	2.58
-do- Accum	£11.06	£11.77	+6.00	2.59
Equity Income #	109.90	118.50†	+0.30	4.45
UK Tactical Allocn	64.08	68.05†	+0.75	4.12
European	135.20	143.80	-0.70	1.61
Far Eastern	232.10	246.90	-0.50	
Fixed Interest	54.40	57.87†	+0.03	7.02
Gilt	92.96	98.58	+0.20	5.93
Global Growth	87.35	96.54		0.67
Intl Bond	57.27	60.77	+0.48	4.89
Japanese	79.32	81.19	-0.02	
North American	189.80	201.90†	+1.00	0.63
Pacific Growth	118.30	125.90	-0.30	0.33
UK Index	72.08	75.68	+0.43	3.00
UK Recovery	105.00	111.70	-0.80	1.94
UK Smaller Cos	141.50	150.50†		1.36
US Index	76.12	80.34†	+0.35	1.37
European Index	87.19	92.02	+0.53	2.12
Japan Index	43.12	45.51	-0.04	.
Worldwide	93.48	99.46	+0.24	1.48
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 802 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	53.77	57.50	+0.16	2.14
Income	62.30	66.63	+0.37	3.02
Far East	57.90	61.92	+0.16	
North American	121.20	129.40	+1.50	
Global	108.58	118.00	+0.50	0.19
European	95.79	102.40	+0.60	0.63
Japan	110.00	117.60	+0.80	
Intl Currency Bd	83.70	87.51	+0.45	4.14
SE Asia	114.00	121.90	+0.30	
UK Cap Growth	99.02	105.90	+0.50	1.66
Recovery Trust	73.76	78.46	+0.57	1.41
Managed	73.71	78.41	+0.43	0.62
Cash	51.57	51.57		5.13
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	383.10	407.60	+1.10	2.63
-do- Accum	894.20	951.30	+2.60	2.63
Contl Euro Gth	73.95	77.65	+0.36	0.85
-do- Accum	73.58	83.77	+0.38	0.85
Extra Inc	274.50	292.10	-2.70	4.16
-do- Accum	738.00	785.20	-7.60	4.16
FTSE 100 Inc	115.00	122.40	+0.60	2.57
FTSE 100 Acc	117.10	124.63	+0.60	2.57
German Gth	138.10	145.40	-0.10	
-do- Accum	144.90	152.60		
Growth Port	615.40	654.70	-7.10	0.10
-do- Accum	633.70	674.20	-7.30	0.10
High Interest Inc	99.97	103.60†	+0.30	7.60
High Interest Acc	101.00	104.70	+0.30	7.60
Hi Reserve Inc #	108.10	115.00	+0.30	6.48
Hi Reserve Acc #	112.40	119.60	+0.30	6.48
Income	529.70	563.60	-4.70	3.50
-do- Accum	£14.70	£15.64	-13.00	3.50
Income Port	554.40	589.80	+1.80	4.47
-do- Accum	604.00	642.60	-1.70	4.47
Japan Growth	114.50	121.90	+0.40	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	114.90	122.30	+0.40	
Master Trust	65.28	69.40†	+0.18	1.17
-do- Accum	74.10	78.84	+0.19	1.17
N American Gen	227.50	242.10	+0.50	0.63
-do- Accum	263.10	279.90	+0.50	0.63
NAm Sm Co Rec	172.00	183.00	+2.60	...
-do- Accum	175.50	186.80	+2.88	..
Pacific Basin	277.70	295.50	-0.80	0.16
-do- Accum	295.10	314.00	-0.90	0.16
Small Cos Rec	443.40	469.80	+14.30	1.70
-do- Accum	604.00	635.80	+19.60	1.70
UK Eq Gth	152.30	162.10	+0.70	2.70
UK Eq Inc	124.30	132.30	+0.50	4.11
UK Growth	96.03	102.20†	+0.40	2.03
-do- Accum	119.30	127.00	+0.60	2.03
Worldwide Gth	355.10	377.80	+1.80	.
-do- Accum	524.80	558.30	+1.50	.
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 873				
American	80.41	86.07	+0.24	0.40
General	100.12	107.42	+0.31	2.40
Income	70.08	75.19	+0.29	5.30
International	72.93	78.25	+0.17	0.40
Japan	62.53	67.09	+0.34	
Tst of Inv Trusts	73.58	78.86	+0.11	1.40
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Srvs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	484.70	512.80	+2.09	0.43
-do- Accum	605.00	639.90	+2.50	0.43
Amer Recovery	530.00	560.50	+3.50	0.57
-do- Accum	610.70	645.80	+4.00	0.57
Amer Smllr Cos	146.00	154.40†	+2.00	
-do- Accum	149.10	157.80†	+2.10	
Australasian	180.10	190.50	+1.80	2.37
-do- Accum	222.30	235.10	+2.30	2.37
Capital	918.90	971.70	+7.20	2.93
-do- Accum	1065.70	1127.00	+8.40	2.93
Charifund	743.29	750.70	+5.20	5.76
-do- Accum	3653.80	3690.40	+25.60	5.76
Commodity	457.00	483.30	+3.80	0.35
-do- Accum	673.10	711.90	+5.60	0.35
Compound Gth	1046.40	1105.50	+5.50	2.97
-do- Accum	1124.80	1189.40	+6.00	2.97
Corporate Bond	25.74	25.83†	+0.05	7.30
Dividend	44.40	48.90	+0.30	4.27
-do- Accum	193.30	204.40	+1.10	4.27
Equity Income	347.00	367.00	+1.80	5.03
-do- Accum	460.50	487.10	+2.50	5.03
Euro & General	574.80	607.90†	+3.70	1.45
-do- Accum	733.10	775.30†	+4.70	1.45
Euro Dividend	80.80	85.40	+0.50	3.59
-do- Accum	99.60	105.30	+0.70	3.59
Extra Yield	450.60	476.50	+3.40	4.93
-do- Accum	1459.40	1543.20	+11.00	4.93
Far Eastern	384.40	406.50	-0.80	0.33
-do- Accum	512.70	542.20	-1.00	0.33
Fund of Inv Tsts	628.80	717.80	+0.60	1.84
-do- Accum	1289.60	1363.70	+1.16	1.84
General	65.98	69.70†	+0.50	3.77
-do- Accum	191.50	202.60†	+1.30	3.77
Gilt Income	63.18	63.27	+0.05	6.80
-do- Accum	183.37	183.62	+0.13	6.80
Gold	78.80	83.90†	+0.80	0.52
-do- Accum	93.60	99.00†	+1.00	0.52
High Income	31.70	33.50†	+0.30	4.76
-do- Accum	132.40	139.90†	+0.90	4.76
Intl Growth	88.40	93.50	+0.40	0.81
-do- Accum	155.30	164.30	+0.60	0.81
International Inc	111.00	117.40	+0.80	4.48
-do- Accum	171.80	181.50	+1.00	4.48
Japan & Gen	43.40	45.90		
-do- Accum	46.50	49.30	...	
Japan Smlr Cos	152.10	160.80	+0.90	...
-do- Accum	153.20	161.90	+0.90	
Managed Gwth	25.80	27.20†	+0.10	1.78
Managed Income	29.60	31.10†	+0.10	4.20
Midland	58.40	61.80	-0.30	3.73
-do- Accum	200.30	212.10	-1.20	3.73
Pension Ex	1033.30	1059.20	+7.40	4.29
Recovery	45.50	48.10†	+0.30	2.71
-do- Accum	76.60	81.00†	+0.50	2.71
Second General	73.00	77.20†	+0.30	3.64
-do- Accum	195.40	206.80†	+0.90	3.64
Smaller Cos	70.60	74.70	+0.30	3.26
-do- Accum	142.40	150.60	+0.40	3.26
Treasury	25.14	25.18†		6.28
Trustee	42.79	45.20	+0.39	4.44
-do- Accum	178.70	189.10	+1.00	4.44
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	92.23	98.11	+0.49	1.37
Intl Bond	69.07	72.56	+0.41	5.58
Intl Equity Growth	82.10	87.27	+0.45	0.65
N Amer Growth	123.43	131.16	+1.24	0.84
Special Sits Growth	24.60	26.17	+0.07	2.16
UK Growth	423.76	450.80	+1.42	2.71
-do- Accum	567.97	604.22	+1.91	2.71
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1427.70	1451.30	..	2.80
Income #	1027.40	1045.50†	..	4.10
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	158.70	163.00	..	3.71
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 066				
M & S Inc Pfolio	170.20	179.10†	+0.58	2.10
-do- Accum	199.70	210.20†	+0.50	2.10
UK Sel Pfolio	149.00	156.90†	+0.90	2.50
-do- Accum	177.10	186.40†	+0.90	2.50
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	76.04	80.88	+1.11	3.50
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	80.95	85.93†	+0.11	3.99
European	96.08	102.00	+0.70	0.61
Income #	81.10	86.09	-0.06	4.91
Nth American	82.59	87.66	+0.09	0.42
Far East	179.60	190.70	-0.50	0.05
Japan	63.01	66.89	+0.49	..
Emrging Mkts	89.31	95.52	+0.26	0.02
Intl Growth	125.90	133.60	+0.40	0.49
UK Growth	110.00	116.80	-0.39	2.62
UK Smlr Co	52.98	56.24	-0.10	1.65
Asian Opps Fd	40.02	42.80	-0.03	0.42
Glob Gwth PEP	58.14	61.71	+0.20	0.76
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	98.30	104.56	+0.45	.
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	463.74	493.34	+2.67	3.60
Global Inc	76.56	81.45	+0.10	3.44
Brit Leaders	396.21	421.50	+2.15	1.86
Intl Leaders	219.48	233.49	+0.60	1.33
PAM Mg Bal Gth	70.20	73.94	+0.39	0.71
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	245.30	258.90	+2.900	.
-do- Accum	262.39	276.70	+2.900	.
American Opps	105.30	112.30	+1.700	..
-do- Accum	106.60	113.70	+1.700	
British Blue Chip	91.22	96.84	+0.580	2.48
-do- Accum	115.48	122.50	+0.700	2.48
Cash	101.30	101.30		6.25
-do- Accum	143.70	143.70		6.25
Emerging Mkts	126.40	135.20	+0.400	0.11
-do- Accum	117.18	125.90	+0.300	0.11
European Growth	278.60	295.20	+0.600	0.15
-do- Accum	301.60	320.30	+0.600	0.15
European Income	91.59	98.90†	+0.390	2.95
-do- Accum	128.50	135.90†	+0.680	2.95
General	566.16	602.70	+2.900	2.06
-do- Accum	1129.00	1202.00	+5.000	2.06
Global Bond	137.90	144.90	+0.800	5.09
-do- Accum	173.70	182.50	+1.000	5.09
Gold & General	249.90	265.20	+3.800	0.34
-do- Accum	258.00	277.00	+3.900	0.34
Govt Securities	95.09	98.04†	-0.04	5.99
-do- Accum	194.40	200.40†	-0.10	5.99
High Yield Bd	102.90	105.50†	+0.200	6.86
-do- Accum	104.30	106.90†	+0.100	6.86
Income	175.60	186.50	+0.500	3.87
-do- Accum	282.70	300.30	+0.800	3.87
Inc Portfolio #	107.10	113.60†	+0.400	4.86
-do- Accum #	113.30	120.00†	+0.200	4.86
Intl Opps	517.20	551.70†	+2.700	0.16
-do- Accum	696.30	742.50†	+3.700	0.16
Japan	181.80	192.50†	+0.100	.
-do- Accum	186.68	197.70†	+0.200	.
New Europe	205.60	218.70	+0.700	0.92
-do- Accum	211.40	225.50	+0.600	0.92
Pacific	132.50	139.70	-0.80	0.78
-do- Accum	131.50	140.30	-0.90	0.78
Recovery	363.00	387.30	+0.300	0.67
-do- Accum	470.70	502.10	+0.800	0.67
UK Smaller Cos	60.78	64.63	+1.430	0.79
-do- Accum	69.39	74.02	+1.640	0.79
Portfolio	91.29	96.90	+0.380	2.38
-do- Accum	109.90	116.80	+0.400	2.38
Managed Gth	111.80	117.00†	+0.500	1.10
Managed Inc	115.20	119.50‡	+0.400	3.62
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	131.35	139.73	+0.36	0.17
Portfolio	75.80	80.64‡	+0.13	1.43
UK Income Inc	86.23	91.73	+0.19	4.74
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	66.48	69.61	+0.34	2.61
-do- Accum	72.05	75.44	+0.38	2.61
British Tst	99.45	104.10	+0.20	1.97
-do- Accum	116.70	122.10	+0.20	1.97
Extra High Inc	70.62	73.95†	-0.22	6.59
-do- Accum	144.70	151.50†	+0.50	6.59
FT-SE 100 Acc	64.33	67.36†	+0.48	2.87
FT-SE 100 Dist	61.64	64.54†	+0.45	2.87
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.22	58.55	+0.22	6.56
-do- Accum	174.50	181.60	+0.60	6.56
High Yield	233.60	244.90	+0.80	6.12
-do- Accum	617.60	646.70	+2.20	6.12
Income	312.80	327.50	+2.00	4.33
-do- Accum	703.50	736.60	+4.50	4.33
Money Market UT	49.61	49.61	..	5.41
-do- Accum	80.53	80.53	..	5.41
Monthly Income	91.65	95.96†	+0.32	4.98
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	121.80	129.60	+1.10	1.51
European Growth	120.70	128.00	+0.60	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	96.47	102.40	+0.40	5.42
Income	95.79	101.90	+0.50	2.51

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	53.61	56.83	+0.49	..
Managed	78.17	83.16	-0.29	2.11
Money Market	91.35	96.63	..	4.15
North American	104.69	111.70	+2.20	0.40
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	110.50	117.58	+1.00	1.50
European Growth	113.40	120.20	+0.50	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.38	96.97	+0.35	5.42
Income	93.94	99.94	+0.46	2.57
Japan Growth	53.33	56.53	+0.46	..
Managed	75.28	80.08	+0.32	2.08
Money Market	84.23	89.35	..	4.11
North American	94.73	100.40	+1.93	0.40
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	110.80	117.20	+1.08	1.50
European Growth	111.00	117.70	+0.68	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.87	89.00	+0.31	5.55
Income	92.24	98.13	+0.47	2.60
Japan Growth	54.52	57.79	+0.49	..
Managed	78.10	83.08	+0.34	2.09
Money Market	78.20	82.80	..	4.20
North American	106.60	113.30	+2.20	0.37
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.07	14.97	+0.43	..
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	433.60	450.00†	+4.80	..
European Gth Inc	592.90	635.70†	+2.10	..
-do- Accum	599.30	642.80†	+2.10	..
Intl Gwth	222.80	236.90	+1.40	..
UK Eqty Inc	219.70	223.90	+1.20	2.98
Do. Accum	278.90	286.30	+1.60	2.98
UK Intl Trdr Inc	183.30	195.70	+1.20	2.59
-do- Accum	220.60	235.50	+1.50	2.56
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	253.30	268.60	+0.80	1.81
Japan Tracker	79.18	83.83	+0.01	..
Asian Tracker	227.40	245.90	-0.40	0.16
Managed Inc	176.30	188.60†	+0.60	2.30
Deposit Inc	99.98	99.98†	+0.02	6.12
Europa	274.30	295.80	-0.10	..
Genesis	184.20	199.50	+0.58	1.59
High Income	21.55	22.94†	+0.06	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 099 933				
Acorman	105.60	108.30	+0.30	2.26
Acorman Inc	97.97	100.20	+0.26	2.26
Acornen Reserve	93.24	94.17†	-0.03	7.99
-do- Inc	75.23	76.99†	-0.02	7.89
American Growth	64.12	68.03	+0.39	..
Cash Income	59.16	59.16	+0.01	6.60
Equity Income #	181.40	184.19†	+0.30	4.65
European	76.80	78.17	+0.19	0.27
Smaller Cos	69.35	75.25	-0.38	1.31
W'wide Eqty	73.64	75.48	+0.18	0.13
Global Bond	47.85	48.43	+0.24	6.22
UK Growth	106.00	108.70	+0.30	1.90
Pacific Growth	120.50	124.20	-0.60	0.70
Japan Growth	108.50	110.50	-0.20	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 610				
Avon Equity	140.63	149.97†	+1.07	2.42
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	84.59	89.99	+0.53	2.16
UK Income	119.27	126.88†	+1.62	3.87
Higher Income	222.69	236.90†	+0.78	5.14
Smaller Cos	83.13	88.07	+0.19	1.81
International	108.49	115.41	+0.55	1.37
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	125.20	133.20†	+0.80	0.30
European Dist	134.70	143.30	+0.70	0.20
Far East Dist	201.50	214.40	-0.50	
Global Care Dist	82.28	87.53†	+0.29	0.67
Oseas Dist	1169.30	1243.90	+3.20	0.01
-do- Accum	1517.60	1614.50	+4.10	0.01
UK Dist	399.60	425.10	+2.50	2.55
-do- Accum	800.60	851.70	+5.10	2.55
UK Extra Inc Dist	88.75	94.42	+0.39	3.42
Wwide Dist	120.70	128.40	+0.30	0.30
Wwide Inc Dist	83.22	88.53	+0.76	1.79
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 693 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 366				
Europe Inc	72.91	78.11	+0.46	1.05
Fund of Funds Inc	86.06	89.72†	+0.18	2.15
North America Inc	81.81	85.24	+0.84	..
UK Equity Gth Inc	85.52	89.15	+0.20	2.49
-do- Accum	69.98	73.44	+0.21	2.49
UK General Inc	64.74	68.33	+0.28	2.69
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	49.17	51.78†	+0.11	6.99
UK Income Inc	63.51	67.03	+0.26	3.36
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	45.29	48.18	+0.31	..
-do- Accum	45.65	48.56	+0.32	..
Bond	130.57	138.61	+1.32	5.82
Bridge Fund	90.45	95.41		2.19
Cash Income	50.40	50.40		5.58
-do- Accum	66.99	66.99	+0.01	5.58
Distributor	102.10	108.62†	+0.55	2.93
European	49.51	52.67	+0.40	..
Foundation	104.73	111.41	+0.63	3.59
General	210.08	223.49†	+0.87	1.11
Global	359.89	381.79	+2.36	0.36
Growth	136.48	145.19	+0.92	2.51
Higher Income Inc	31.57	33.58	+0.21	5.15
-do- Accum	36.90	39.25	+0.25	5.15
Income	258.05	274.52†	+1.85	3.13
Intrepid	137.40	143.12		1.92
Japan	27.51	29.27	+0.09	..
Oriental Inc	163.85	174.31	-0.98	0.31
-do- Accum	169.07	179.86	-1.01	0.30
Pers Int Gwth	34.92	37.15	+0.19	..
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	109.00	115.30†	....	2.49
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	138.02	145.28	+0.45	1.16
UK Equity	156.50	165.84	+0.74	2.78
UK Equity Income	145.35	153.00	+0.82	3.10
UK Smaller Cos	127.57	134.28†	-0.24	1.83
UK Equity Growth	148.43	156.24	+0.66	2.15
UK Index Trckg	161.18	169.66	+1.05	3.36
Intl Index Trckg	167.77	176.60	+0.54	0.96
International	270.36	284.61	+1.20	0.62
European	232.63	244.87	+1.45	0.17
Pan European	153.83	161.93	+1.13	1.25
Nth American	219.43	230.98	+1.87	0.15
N Amer Smlr Cos	228.69	240.73†	+1.77	..
Japanese	98.51	103.69†	+0.30	..
Pacific	251.72	264.97†	-0.23	0.40
South East Asian	283.87	298.81	-1.37	0.58
Intl Bond	143.59	151.15†	+0.72	4.74
Gilt & Convertible	110.41	116.22†	+0.63	5.80
Property	80.58	84.82†	+2.82	6.34
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	264.90	284.80	+0.10	0.40
-do- Accum	280.30	301.40	+0.10	0.40
Japan Inc	114.10	121.70	-0.90	..
Nth American Inc	117.30	125.00	-0.20	0.33
Worldwide Inc	172.60	185.20	-0.10	0.38
Hong Kong Inc	165.50	177.70	+0.90	1.44
Swiss Equities Inc	83.86	89.81	-0.33	0.11
Wwide Bond Inc	69.15	73.14	+0.49	4.82
Emging Asia Inc	224.50	240.40†	-1.80	..
-do- Accum	222.30	241.30	-1.80	..
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.48	50.48	+0.01	6.41
Thailand Inc	183.40	199.50	-1.40	1.13
New Zealand Inc	97.52	105.00	+0.80	1.79
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	69.43	74.50	+0.09	1.37
Latin Am Cap Inc	81.75	88.70†	+0.27	0.28
UK All Sh Idxr Inc	67.35	72.18	+0.42	2.41
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	86.01	91.99	+0.51	..
Global Portfolio	77.48	82.87	+0.46	..
Global Opps	69.01	73.49	-0.51	..
Marsh Global Gth	69.01	73.18	-0.03	..
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	105.40	112.90	+0.80	..
Temple Equity Inc	45.57	49.69†	+0.06	2.25
Hartley Growth	97.57	103.80	-0.10	..
Intl Growth Inc	89.47	95.69	-0.01	1.02
IPS Portfolio Inc	89.70	95.94†	+0.41	..
Premier Perfmn Inc	71.29	76.25†	+0.35	1.72
Roxburgh Strat Gth	78.37	83.82	+0.58	0.47
Slater Gwth	125.40	133.40	+1.50	..
International Sptl	82.57	88.31	+0.41	..
UFC Intl-Act Gth	60.89	64.91	+0.31	..
Chatfield Port of Fds	53.87	57.98	+0.25	..
Chatfield Sec	120.60	131.40	+1.00	..
Lowes Intl Growth	54.52	57.39	+0.20	..
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 838 677 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	247.00	264.00†	+0.70	2.43
-do- Accum	577.80	613.80	+1.50	2.43
Growth	174.60	183.70	+0.40	2.72
Income	262.20	278.90	+0.70	3.52
Intl Equity	285.60	303.80	+0.80	0.64
-do- Accum	318.00	338.30	+0.80	0.64
UK Income	71.68	76.25†	+0.16	3.03
UK Ind 25	89.86	95.59	+0.25	1.98
New Europe	92.02	97.89	+1.27	0.32
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	689.83	728.27	+2.95	0.32
-do- Accum	693.58	731.12	+2.95	0.32
Income	424.16	453.67	+4.92	3.07
Wwide Recovery	443.84	474.70	+2.42	0.50
Amer Growth Inc	273.15	292.14	+1.81	0.01
-do- Accum	273.15	292.14	+1.81	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	274.09	293.15	+0.68	0.16
Far East Gth Inc	307.25	328.62†	+2.09	0.82
-do- Accum	308.63	330.08	+1.67	0.82
Euro Gwth Inc	169.75	181.58†	+0.15	0.22
-do- Accum	170.31	182.15	+0.14	0.22
UK Growth Inc	119.61	118.52	+1.35	2.54
-do- Accum	116.58	124.69	+1.42	2.54
High Income	119.73	119.43†	+1.23	3.77
Jap Gwth Inc	225.56	240.38	-0.75	0.01
-do- Accum	225.56	240.36	-0.75	0.01
PEP Growth	138.63	148.27	+0.68	0.72
Asian Str Mkts Inc	139.37	149.06†	-0.22	0.34
-do- Accum	138.63	149.34	-0.23	0.34
Amer Smlr Co Inc	171.53	183.46	+1.81	0.01
-do- Accum	171.53	183.46	+1.81	0.01
Global Bond	59.97	63.14	+0.25	5.85
UK Smaller Cos Inc	96.72	103.45	+0.27	1.43
-do- Accum	101.77	108.85	+0.29	1.43
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0131 201 3927				
American	119.49	127.12	+0.77	..
European	83.04	88.34	-0.12	..
Global	68.33	72.69†	+0.48	..
Pacific	64.26	68.36	+0.52	..
UK Inc & Gth	72.77	77.41	+0.20	2.16
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	184.12	194.84	+0.89	0.61
Emerg Mkts	50.14	53.08	+1.81	0.58
High Income #	54.30	57.46	+0.13	5.86
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	159.98	170.18	+1.37	1.89
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	113.70	120.90†	+1.10	3.07
Conv & Gilt	114.80	122.10	-2.50	5.79
European Income	83.62	88.98	+0.51	3.12
Extra Income	170.80	181.70†	+0.70	5.27
-do- Accum	216.30	230.10	+0.80	5.27
Far East	427.40	454.70	+2.10	0.32
-do- Accum	436.40	464.30	+2.20	0.32
Global Income	28.51	30.33†	+0.18	4.84
High Income	129.29	137.58	+1.70	4.27
-do- Accum	159.78	169.90	+2.10	4.27
International	213.10	226.70	+0.40	0.64
-do- Accum	220.68	234.60	+0.30	0.64
Pref & Fxd Int	44.22	47.04†	-0.01	7.19
Recovery	78.83	83.86	+0.36	2.57

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	124.50	132.40†	+0.20	1.57
-do- Accum	137.80	145.80	+0.30	1.57
Technology	613.80	652.10	+7.00	..
UK Blue Chip	79.72	84.81	+0.74	3.44
-do- Accum	90.95	96.79	+0.84	3.44
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3903				
Equity Gth	227.50	242.00	-1.70	1.49
European Gth	119.98	127.60	+0.20	1.60
Income & Gth #	152.40	162.10	-0.50	3.20
Japan Gth	128.59	136.20	+0.40	..
Nth Amer Gth	195.80	208.20	+2.00	0.08
Overseas Gth	117.80	125.10	+0.59	0.28
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4450				
Managed Tst	43.28	44.88	-0.33	1.62
Cash Haven Inc	101.64	102.13†	+0.01	5.90
Cash Haven Acc	115.63	116.20†	+0.01	5.59
Dist Trust Inc	104.40	108.18†	+0.25	6.17
Dist Trust Acc	113.65	117.87†	-0.34	6.17
Global Growth	102.10	108.61	+0.51	1.19
Equity Inc	88.13	94.81	+0.09	3.47
Equity	637.14	680.57	+0.44	2.18
Europe	249.47	257.48†	+1.36	0.81
High Income	92.94	98.67†	+0.25	4.97
Intl Gth	213.23	226.84†	+0.96	0.65
Intl Sm Co	91.87	97.73	+0.60	0.50
Japanese	220.10	237.50	+0.94	..
Nth Amer	220.37	228.36	+1.80	1.20
Pacific Mkts	421.59	125.99	-0.28	0.28
Premier Inc	49.31	51.32†	..	6.49
Sm Cos	102.98	109.46	+0.07	1.42
Spec Sits	122.39	130.20	+0.97	2.56
UK Growth	140.23	149.71	+1.00	2.06
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	332.40	352.60	+0.90	3.04
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	628.07	668.99	+4.74	0.71
FA America (Acc)	735.70	782.02	+5.54	0.71
FA UK Equity Inc	173.67	185.33	+0.87	3.11
FA Japan	256.15	272.54	+1.84	..
FA Major UK Cos	107.33	114.38†	+0.45	2.03
FA Smllr UK Cos	356.78	385.01	+0.36	1.21
FA European	375.85	399.02	+2.48	0.32
FA Amer Smllr Cos	56.68	59.72	+0.71	..
FA Asia	58.36	60.92	-0.33	..
FA Jap Smllr Cos	44.88	47.99	+0.60	..
R&M Personal Pensions				
UK Major Cos	112.29	119.19	+0.46	..
UK Smllr Cos	98.19	103.55	+0.08	..
UK Income	111.15	116.96	+0.55	..
America	126.76	133.42	+0.94	..
Japanese	56.80	59.57	+0.40	..
European	121.11	127.48	+0.79	..
Gilt	98.52	103.70	-0.03	..
Deposit	87.56	92.17	+0.01	..
Managed	111.44	117.30	+0.15	..
R&M FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	108.20	114.94	+0.45	..
UK Smaller Cos	95.76	100.78	+0.08	..
UK Income	108.28	113.97	+0.54	..
America	123.28	129.80	+0.92	..
Japanese	55.01	57.90	+0.39	..
European	117.83	124.02	+0.77	..
Gilt	95.71	101.79	-0.03	..
Deposit	83.89	88.09	+0.02	..
Managed	105.07	110.59	+0.22	..
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	108.10	113.20	+0.80	0.27
Pacific Basin	82.68	86.84	-0.06	0.26
High Inc Dist	149.90	160.30	+0.50	4.25
Ryl Life Int [illegible]	63.99	67.78	+0.07	3.95
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	75.96	81.09	+0.32	0.13
Ryl Life Intl Spec	70.10	74.57	+0.31	..
UK Emerging Cos	137.60	148.70	-0.20	1.03
UK Index Tckg	186.00	198.10	+1.20	1.58
European	153.80	164.80	+1.10	0.28
Managed	169.80	182.50†	+0.50	0.85
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	177.70	189.00†	+1.40	1.70
European Growth	126.49	134.00	+0.18	2.45
Far East Growth	153.00	163.40†	+0.40	1.85
Japan Growth	139.40	148.10	+2.00	..
Special Sits	234.00	248.90	-0.40	1.19
UK Growth	90.45	96.17†	-0.10	2.03
Triton General	277.80	295.60	+1.40	1.00
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	178.60	189.20	+0.20	0.20
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	360.50	381.50	+1.30	0.31
-do- Accum	393.40	416.20	+2.09	0.31
Growth Inc	147.20	155.90	+0.60	0.32
-do- Accum	151.00	159.80	+0.60	0.32
International Inc	376.60	398.50	+1.50	0.17
-do- Accum	519.10	549.20	+2.00	0.17
Nth Am & Intl Inc	366.50	408.00	+1.20	0.43
UK Gen Prog Inc	234.80	248.50	+0.60	1.02
-do- Accum	268.90	284.60	+0.80	1.02
UK High Inc Inc	141.90	150.29†	+0.70	3.57
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	72.52	77.15	+0.21	..
Asian Gwth	128.38	136.57	-0.80	0.75
European Gwth	80.55	85.69†	+0.14	1.00
Global Bd	63.79	67.47	+0.30	5.00
Global Eq	63.53	67.58†	+0.15	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	58.23	61.94	+0.26	..
UK Gwth	78.51	83.52†	+0.18	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	86.50	92.02	+0.90	3.26
Amer Smllr Cos	134.70	143.30	+0.70	..
Asian Smaller Cos	44.84	47.70	+0.08	..
Capital Portfolio	141.10	150.18	-0.10	1.92
Cash	131.20	131.20†		5.99
China Dragon	63.03	67.05	+0.07	1.49
Commodity	143.40	152.60	+1.50	..
Eastern Discovery	110.80	117.90	..	
Emerging Mkts	38.24	40.86	+0.09	0.04
Energy Inds	141.00	150.00	+0.50	0.14
European Gwth	212.60	226.40	+0.80	0.49
Euro Inc & Gwth #	87.64	93.23†	+0.30	1.82
Euro Smllr Cos	61.37	65.29	+0.41	0.08
Extra Income #	56.20	57.87	-0.05	5.34
Financial Secs	260.79	277.30	+1.50	1.20
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	50.61	53.43	+0.02	8.46
Gold & Exploration	96.55	102.70†	+3.55	..
High Return #	245.40	262.10†		3.85
High Yield #	252.80	268.80		3.40
Income #	130.40	138.70	+0.10	4.05
Intl Bond	179.30	189.30	+1.60	3.57
IT3	231.80	245.70	-0.20	0.83
Japan Growth	184.10	195.80	+1.50	..
Japan Smaller	183.98	195.69	+1.90	..
Korea	59.60	63.40	-0.20	..
Mastertrust	61.55	65.48†	+0.16	0.91
Scotbits	389.40	415.30†	+2.70	0.69
Scotshares #	330.70	351.80	-0.20	1.79
Scotyields #	267.80	284.90	-0.30	3.38
Select Intl	150.90	160.50	+0.70	0.47
Smaller Cos Inc #	251.80	267.70	-0.20	3.76
SE Asia	56.05	59.63	-0.19	0.20
Special Situation	146.98	156.32	-0.10	1.78
UK Equity #	277.10	294.80†	-0.40	2.18
UK Growth	74.81	79.58	-0.09	1.67
UK & O'seas	190.30	201.40	-0.10	1.19
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	54.37	57.84	-0.02	1.38
US Growth	189.50	201.60	+1.99	..
Univ Growth	155.10	165.00	+0.70	0.37
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	312.74	331.48	+8.74	0.81
-do- Accum	344.06	364.68	+0.82	0.81
European Gwth	86.89	91.22	+0.71	0.75
Euro Smllr Cos	94.65	100.76†	+0.58	0.24
Far Eastern Gth	106.85	113.77†	+0.19	..
-do- Accum	108.79	115.03†	+0.19	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	54.29	57.23	+0.28	7.16
Global Bond #	53.99	55.80†	+0.44	7.12
-do- Accum #	62.49	64.58†	+0.51	7.12
Global Emer Mkts	55.91	59.63	-0.08	..
-do- Accum	55.96	59.68	-0.08	..
Income #	398.80	423.34	+3.51	5.00
-do- Accum #	£12.90	£13.76	+11.42	5.00
Japan Smllr Cos	458.14	488.54†	+3.29	..
-do- Accum	457.05	487.51†	+3.30	..
Japan Enterprise	72.00	76.79	+0.23	..
Pacific Gwth	153.65	164.10	-1.37	0.24
-do- Accum	158.82	169.39	-1.43	0.24
Portfolio	91.53	97.83	+0.80	1.82
-do- Accum	100.08	106.75	+0.86	1.82
Seoul	46.04	49.10	-0.09	..
-do- Accum	46.04	49.10	-0.09	..
Smaller Cos	258.03	275.23†	+0.37	1.18
Strategic Inc	96.53	102.94	+0.51	1.01
Strategic Acc	96.53	102.94	+0.51	1.01
Tokyo	131.85	140.64	+0.57	..
-do- Accum	133.19	142.06	+0.58	..
UK Enterprise	309.24	329.85†	+3.12	1.96
-do- Accum	377.38	402.51†	+3.81	1.96
UK Equity	278.66	297.23†	+2.65	2.45
-do- Accum	554.08	590.93†	+5.27	2.45
US Smllr Cos	204.53	218.16	+2.03	..
-do- Accum	204.53	218.16	+2.03	..
Institutional Funds				
European	273.88	284.42†	+1.04	1.27
-do- Accum	307.83	319.66†	+1.17	1.27
Euro Smllr Cos	31.99	33.32	+0.19	1.41
-do- Accum	34.37	35.79	+0.20	1.41
Global Equity Inc	88.34	92.02	+0.22	0.35
Japan Smllr Cos	39.05	40.67†	+0.40	0.16
-do- Accum	39.38	41.02†	+0.40	0.16
Mngd Balanced	216.76	225.79	+1.07	2.84
-do- Accum	249.29	259.68	+1.24	2.84
Overseas Equity	218.91	228.03†	+0.36	0.08
-do- Accum	228.68	238.20†	+0.37	0.08
Oseas Smllr Cos	141.21	147.09	+0.86	0.88
-do- Accum	148.93	154.13	+0.86	0.88
Pacific	280.58	292.26	-1.57	1.24
-do- Accum	310.05	322.96	-1.85	1.24
Recovery	£21.26	£22.15†	+13.94	2.90
-do- Accum	£23.07	£24.04†	+15.13	2.90
UK Index	174.07	181.32	-0.11	3.37
-do- Accum	218.99	228.11	-0.13	3.37
UK Small Cos	125.34	130.56	+0.06	2.67
-do- Accum	136.00	141.66	+0.06	2.67
US Smllr Cos	59.91	62.40	+0.77	0.53
-do- Accum	61.28	63.83	+0.79	0.53
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 294 2200				
Equity Income	58.17	61.51	-0.17	3.22
Equity Trust	72.80	75.14	-0.88	3.01
Equity Strategy	82.49	87.22	-0.19	2.04
European Opps	101.62	107.45	+0.74	0.40
UK Smaller Cos	71.14	75.23	+0.33	1.18
Mostinvest Inc	100.13	102.74	+0.09	6.67
Japanese	83.34	88.13	-0.04	..
Asia Pacific	131.68	139.25	-0.10	0.95
American	124.41	131.56	+1.37	0.24
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	32.26	32.26	+0.01	6.051
UK General Inc	59.58	63.63	+0.39	3.38
-do- Accum	78.43	83.63	+0.52	3.38
Intl Income	292.70	312.20†		1.66
-do- Accum	511.50	545.50†	+0.10	1.66
European	93.12	99.08	+0.42	1.93
Japan	72.12	76.44†	+0.52	..
American	86.82	91.94	+0.27	1.75
Far East	93.25	99.46	-0.02	1.40
Ethical Inc	34.83	37.84	+0.10	2.03
UK Blue Chip Inc	38.78	41.42	+0.23	3.14
High Inc Inc	40.30	42.98†	+0.20	3.74
UK Global Inc	45.89	49.14	+0.02	1.89
Wwide Tact	60.17	65.54	+0.10	1.99
Europe 2000 Tact	61.42	65.39	+0.33	1.59
Technology	136.52	145.60†	+0.44	0.99
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	446.70	476.40	+3.60	2.79
American	322.60	342.10	+3.60	0.50
Pacific	429.60	459.50	+0.50	0.35
European	625.00	668.50	+3.80	1.29
Worldwide	108.90	107.90	+0.50	0.80
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	307.20	326.90†	+1.70	2.51
-do- Accum	397.70	423.10†	+2.30	2.51
UK Str Co Eq Inc	236.60	251.60†	-0.30	1.57
-do- Accum	289.50	308.00†	-0.30	1.57
Select Opptnty Inc	79.83	85.17	+0.35	1.93
Income Plus Inc	32.05	37.30	+0.24	3.33
European Inc	397.90	423.40	+2.60	1.27
-do- Accum	453.40	482.40	+3.10	1.27
Far Europe Inc	190.90	203.10	-1.10	0.74
-do- Accum	219.40	233.50	-1.30	0.74
Japanese Inc	65.30	69.47	+0.05	..
Nth American Inc	292.00	310.70	+4.80	0.25
-do- Accum	322.80	343.50	+5.10	0.25

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	227.80	242.40†	-0.90	0.32
Wwide Venture Inc	90.63	96.47	+0.21	0.36
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	415.80	443.40	-0.70	2.46
-do- Accum	624.50	666.00	-1.00	2.46
UK High Inc	203.40	216.90	-0.60	3.35
-do- Accum	304.90	325.10	-0.90	3.35
Europe Inc	431.30	460.00	+4.60	0.38
Nth Amer Inc	283.20	302.00	+2.20	..
Global Inc	245.80	262.20	+1.10	0.28
Global Acc	264.60	282.40	+1.20	0.20
UK Spec Sits Inc	116.70	124.40	-0.10	2.82
South East Asia	241.90	258.00	-0.20	0.56
Cash Trust Inc	100.50	100.50	..	5.99
UK Smllr Cos Inc	114.40	122.00	+0.28	1.90
-do- Accum	118.60	126.20	-0.20	1.90
Intl Bond Inc	100.40	105.50	+0.70	5.24
For [illegible] Eastern see High Peak				
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	148.20	156.00†	-0.30	0.84
Nth American	130.00	136.30†	-1.50	0.10
Intl Bond & Conv	130.80	137.70	+0.30	6.51
Pooled Pension (E)	222.10	238.80		2.01
Smaller Cos	97.57	102.76	+0.48	0.95
UK General	153.20	161.38	-0.30	2.55
Far Eastern	106.10	111.70	-0.50	.
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 628 6236				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	116.25	...	+2.42	
Aztec ‡	67.24		+0.40	
European ‡	158.56		+1.24	0.29
Global Bond ‡	99.16		+0.63	8.00
Investment Trust ‡	108.26		+0.05	2.00
Preferred Income ‡	103.59	†	-0.57	5.77
Sumatra ‡	58.49		-0.42	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.49	†	-0.02	6.05
UK Growth ‡	106.37		+0.67	2.34
Tai Pan ‡	187.01		-0.32	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	165.30		-0.33	2.87
UK Equity Inc ‡	171.61	†	-0.68	5.41
Glob Gwth PEP	71.78	75.72	+0.08	1.31
Pref Inc PEP #	102.90	108.88†	-0.20	5.04
Inv Trust PEP	53.93	57.37	-0.77	.
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	395.70	418.70†	+1.60	
Canadian	73.50	77.77		0.63
Capital	140.50	150.40	+0.20	1.59
Cash	101.58	101.58	+0.01	6.06
European	148.80	157.50	+0.20	0.79
Far Eastern	169.60	179.40	+1.80	
Growth	152.70	161.60†	+0.10	1.15
Income #	137.40	145.40	-0.10	4.89
Magnum	150.80	161.40†	+0.40	1.57
Smllr Secs	471.70	499.10	-0.10	0.55
Thoroughbred	178.00	192.50†	+0.50	1.27
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
[illegible]	57.31	61.29	+0.10	7.00
Ethical	72.81	78.29	+0.11	0.50
European Growth	80.08	85.19	-0.07	1.60
Income	59.78	63.30	+0.31	4.30
Intl Growth	110.10	117.40	+0.38	1.60
Managed	92.16	98.30	+0.26	2.30
UK Growth	73.23	78.73	+0.38	1.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	45.47	45.70	+0.10	1.66
Global Advtg Acc	49.05	49.30	+0.10	1.66
Income Advtg Inc	35.54	35.72†	..	3.37
Income Advtg Acc	40.68	40.89	..	3.31
UK Equity Gth Acc	83.00	87.99	-0.28	1.29
Premier Inc Inc	50.05	52.68†	+0.10	7.26
Premier Inc Acc	51.03	53.71	+0.10	7.26
Managed Acc	59.49	63.06	+0.10	1.36
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	40.73	43.18	-0.10	3.76
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	52.18	55.32	-0.10	3.76
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	72.87	77.43	-0.10	2.11
UK Equity Gen Inc	53.10	56.42	-0.10	2.11
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	32.69	34.53		6.36
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	359.90	398.50	+3.00	1.82
Nth American Acc	54.75	58.18	+0.49	..
Pacific Basin	47.69	50.68	-0.29	0.79
European Acc	57.48	61.06	+0.10	1.33
Japan Acc	28.93	30.74	+0.40	..
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A ($US)	4.268	4.526		1.78
US Ents ($US)	3.004	3.188		1.00
Far East Eqts (yen)	268.40	285.10		..
FT Europa	146.90	158.00	..	1.25
FT N Amer ($US)	2.285	2.462	..	0.45
FT Japan (yen)	243.20	258.30		
FT Asia [illegible] ($US)	2.790	2.964	..	0.63
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	458.10	485.70	+5.50	..
British #	1183.90	1252.60	+3.80	3.11
Emging Mkts	142.50	151.90	+0.30	0.73
European	607.80	645.80	+2.90	0.71
Japan	144.00	153.08	+0.90	
New Pacific	432.10	449.50	-0.20	1.47
-do- Accum	450.00	479.20	-0.20	1.47
Inv Trust Acc	289.60	307.00	+0.60	0.83
Mngd Equity	195.10	206.40	-0.40	1.63
Mngd Cash	95.50	95.59†	+0.02	6.22
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380				
Equity	979.80	1048.00†	+10.00	2.17
North America	166.10	177.60†	+2.30	
Far East	171.00	182.90†	+0.10	
Wwide Bond	62.89	66.73	+0.31	4.91
European	118.50	126.70	+0.40	1.39
Equity Income #	102.10	109.20†	+0.90	4.59
Portfolio	101.28	108.20	+0.60	1.64
UK Leading Cos	72.30	77.12	+0.58	2.55
Broker Trusts				
Intel Equity	73.45	78.56	+0.18	.
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Actions UT	24.59	26.16†	+0.83	0.89
European	45.97	48.91†	+0.50	0.87
High Income	35.22	37.47	+0.12	4.10
Japan	38.22	40.67†	+0.17	0.01
Managed Assets	139.53	149.23†	+0.44	2.48
North American	38.79	41.27†	+0.27	0.54
Smlr Co's Inc	32.90	35.00	+0.05	2.19
Smlr Co's Acc	35.57	37.85†	+0.06	2.19
UK Growth Inc	61.91	65.87†	+0.28	2.76
UK Growth Acc	68.76	73.15†	+0.31	2.76
UK Income	44.51	47.61†	+0.20	3.32
Worldwide Gth	39.98	42.77	+0.11	0.56
Confederation				
Canadian Exmpt	67.84	69.94	+0.52	1.98
European Exmpt	93.79	96.70	+0.59	1.90
Pacific Exmpt	65.69	67.73	+0.15	0.95
US Exmpt	91.51	94.35	+0.60	1.28
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4944 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	54.88	58.38	+0.09	
Cap Protector Inc	44.28	47.11	+0.15	2.79
UK Income Inc	56.92	60.55	+0.52	3.18
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	34.50	36.69	+0.23	5.08
Mngd High Yld Inc	86.66	92.19	+0.81	4.35
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	82.98	88.28	+0.78	3.27
UK Smaller Cos	38.08	40.51	+0.12	1.59
Pacific Gth Port	53.43	56.84	-0.14	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	263.59	278.93	+2.28	..
-do- Accum	290.33	307.23	+2.51	..
Brit Growth	112.17	118.78	+1.16	1.96
-do- Accum	137.47	145.47	+1.42	1.96
European	120.94	127.98	+0.99	..
-do- Accum	128.72	136.21	+1.05	..
Extra Income	208.00	220.11	+1.43	3.70
-do- Accum	366.54	387.87	+2.50	3.70
Smaller Cos	89.30	94.97	+0.20	0.83
-do- Accum	91.27	96.58	+0.24	0.83
General	329.92	349.12†	+3.02	2.27
-do- Accum	696.93	737.49†	+6.38	2.27
Premier Income	52.41	54.59	+0.69	6.42
-do- Accum	124.65	129.85	+0.21	6.42
Income	361.23	382.26	+2.92	3.33
-do- Accum	820.44	868.19	+6.62	3.33
Pacific	447.78	473.84	+0.05	
-do- Accum	470.50	497.88	+0.05	
International	620.18	656.27	+3.33	
-do- Accum	817.11	864.67	+4.40	
Nat Resources	194.25	205.56	+4.01	
Sictd Opps	125.74	133.06	+0.89	1.88
-do- Accum	162.81	172.08	+1.16	1.88
Environmental Inv	71.96	76.15	+0.66	1.47
Selector	70.42	74.52	+0.52	1.48
-do- Accum	80.94	85.65	+0.60	1.46
High Income	68.32	72.30	+0.40	4.18
-do- Accum	90.99	96.28	+0.53	4.18
Intl Income	65.63	69.45	+0.44	4.93
-do- Accum	84.05	88.94	+0.57	4.93
Selector Income	66.38	70.25	+0.40	4.08
-do- Accum	81.17	85.90	+0.49	4.00
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 687 1018				
British	378.42	389.28	+2.62	2.70
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	227.21	243.00†	+0.46	2.50
Glob Balncd Inc	191.42	204.73	+0.70	3.54
Value Tst Inc	135.18	144.59†	+0.06	1.93
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	46.62	48.38	+0.23	5.80
European Growth	317.76	332.73	+1.59	0.80
Exempt	619.27	636.92†	+3.45	2.80
Global Em Mkts	86.70	90.78	+0.33	0.10
Japan Tst	83.41	87.34	+0.15	..
Little Dragons	99.01	103.67	-0.22	..
Nth Amer Gwth	277.71	290.79†	+0.62	0.60
Oriental Income #	48.56	50.85	+0.14	3.20
Preference	131.12	137.29	+0.31	6.90
Tiger	307.42	321.90	-1.15	..
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■ FILM

Me, tied down? Well, perhaps. The new, mature Pedro Almodóvar talks about his latest movie

■ THEATRE

Martin Shaw gives the performance of his life in a superb staging of Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*

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The pain and pleasure of multiracial existence are laid out in *Dirty Reality II*

■ TOMORROW

Working with Kurt Weill: a musical genius recalled by his last surviving collaborator

Sex? Kitsch? That's over now

FILM: No more celebrations of hedonism from Pedro Almodóvar. Or so the Spanish maverick tells **Julia Llewellyn Smith**

In Pedro Almodóvar's latest film, *The Flower of My Secret*, no one is raped, no one dresses up in gold lamé fishnet stockings, no one takes drugs and no one finds an untoward use for a Black & Decker. This may come as a disappointment to those people who have enjoyed such scenes in his earlier films and have come to depend on the Spanish film director for their annual homage to sex, kitsch and hedonism.

Almodóvar is, after all, the man whose first film, *Pepi, Luci, Bom* (1980), featured a heroine who urinates on the head of a police sergeant's wife during a knitting class and goes on to make a fortune selling fart-proof knickers. His most recent offering, *Kika*, featured a 12-minute rape scene played for laughs.

Such excesses have done his career no harm. Almodóvar is the most commercially successful director Spain has ever produced. At home, he has grown from a hero of the post-Franco underground into a national institution. Spanish culture was repressive, macho and Catholic. Almodóvar's films were frothy, camp and unashamedly devoted to the cult of the individual. In Spain, teenage girls faint in his presence, a new film is accorded the attention due to a royal wedding and there is even an adjective *almodóvariano* to describe the quirky and the surreal.

Abroad, he has outgrown his cult status to become one of the few commercially viable non-English speaking directors. His hyperactive comedy *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown* was the most successful foreign film of 1989 and won an Oscar nomination. Hollywood bought the rights and Sally Field, Jane Fonda and Whoopie Goldberg fought for the lead role. Yet even the 45-year-old director was unprepared for the critical scorn, the feminist outrage and the battles with the American censors that accompanied the likes of *Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down*, where a bound and gagged woman falls in love with her captor.

Just as the masses were beginning to lose patience with melodrama that seemed no longer subversive but merely smutty, along comes *The Flower of My Secret* — a tender, understated drama about a middle-aged woman who has teetered over the verge into full-scale breakdown.

Flower, made under the more appropriate — if somewhat wordy — working title *Is There Any Chance, However Small, of Saving What We Had*, is bereft of trashy trappings. What remains are the elements that made Almodóvar's earlier, and best, films much more than soft-porn juvenilia: an instinctive sympathy for women, an understanding of the nature of obsessive passion and a cinematic homage to Madrid. There is even a little tribute to the regenerative power of going back to one's roots, which for Almodóvar means the small village in the rural backwater of La Mancha, where he says he felt like "an astronaut at the Court of King Arthur".

Today, however, La Mancha would not give this clown-faced man a second glance. The punk singer, who wowed the avant-garde of Madrid in the frenzied years after Franco's death, has mellowed into a chubby 45-year-old in jeans and a stripey jumper. Instead of spiking your coffee with amphetamines, Almodóvar is earnestly polite, and blushes easily. "When people approach me for the first time, they are always surprised," he says. "The image that they have in advance doesn't correspond with what they see. People think that I am more crazy than I am."

> ❛ It's true, unfortunately: you can't avoid the maturing process ❜

Regrettably, yet inevitably Almodóvar has grown up. And the new, mature phase heralded by *Flower* does him credit. It is a generous, painful and wise film and the critics adore it. Almodóvar grimaces at the word mature. "Unfortunately, it's true," he sighs. "It doesn't sound well, but you can't avoid maturing. What attracted me in this film was to explain profound emotions in the most sober way. It is talking about simple things that are at the same time very complicated."

So has Almodóvar been won over by the back-to-basics lobby and discovered, as the La Mancha scenes might indicate, that really there is no place like home? "No," he replies. "I don't like La Mancha, it's a very conservative region and in my life I have always tried to fight against that mentality.

"What I was looking at is how, when a person is really lost, she needs to return to her roots. My heroine, Leo, has lost her husband, her career and has been about to lose her life. Now she needs to recognise two or three basic things, before she can return to Madrid to fight."

Like all Almodóvar heroines, Leo (played movingly by Marisa Paredes) is a multi-faceted character that any actress would kill to play. "I like women who suffer as a subject. I like everything about Leo that most men would think of as a flaw. She has this total sensibility, fragility and courage. She talks a lot, she says what she feels, she defends what she loves."

It is impossible to imagine such a character in a Hollywood confection and, interestingly, the only actor from the Almodóvar stable to succeed in America has been Antonio Banderas, the bespectacled geek in *Women* and now Sylvester Stallone's sidekick. Meanwhile, the Almodóvar *chicas* — who include his muse Carmen Maura, Rossy de Palma and Victoria Abril — have yet to achieve international acclaim.

In his element: Pedro Almodóvar with the cast of his *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*

Fortunately, Almodóvar is aware of the restraints a big studio would place on his work. How does he feel about the remake of *Women*? "Anxious," he says instantly, his face crumbled with worry. "I hope this version will be worse than mine. Friends say I should be horrified that my work has been taken over by Hollywood, but really, now I have sold the rights, I don't mind. I am curious to see how they manage with the material. It's like recycling paper, the fact that a script can generate other things is very interesting."

Nonetheless, the time has come to leave Madrid. "I am too successful in Spain and it creates envy," he says. "I am too famous to go anywhere without attracting attention. I don't know where I will go — maybe Italy. I like London but my actors will never work in this grey light."

There is no prospect, however, of a Europudding. Almodóvar is as Spanish as a straw donkey and intends to remain so. "My government want to make us homogenous with other European countries," he says, looking pained. "That means no siesta, no going out at night, no paella, which basically means not being Spanish. It means being the same as someone in Oslo, which is very fine, but it's not for me."

Nor does it mean that the *bon vivant* has renounced his ways. "Don't worry," he says, consolingly. "I will definitely be making more baroque films. The fun and sex is not over yet."

● *Flower of My Secret opens in Britain next Friday, and will be reviewed on Thursday*

CLASSICAL CONCERTS

Stripped of the schmaltz

Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie/ Sanderling
QEH

On the face of it, it was a bizarre idea to open their second concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall with the Adagietto from Mahler's Fifth Symphony. How would the elegiac soundtrack of Visconti's *Death in Venice* fare with the chamber forces of 19 strings and a harp?

Perhaps it was precisely to free the movement of its decadent associations that it was treated thus. The knowledge that the Adagietto was actually intended as a love-song for the composer's wife, Alma, has led to a clutch of revisionist interpretations. Stefan Sanderling's, with the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie, came in at ten minutes — closer to the traditional readings of Barbirolli, Bernstein and Haitink than to Gilbert Kaplan's nifty eight minutes.

Much as one welcomed, in principle, the unsentimentality of Sanderling's approach, it did raise nagging doubts. Individual phrases were stretched and pulled, but where was the over-arching line of which they should have formed part? The music does not have to drip with emotion, but surely a love-song can be allowed to exude Weltschmerz as well as passion.

With one composer each from Germany, Poland, France, Russia and America, the programme was a whistle-stop tour of the northern hemisphere. The Polish representative was Lutoslawski, whose Five Dance Preludes were given a spirited performance by the American clarinettist Richard Stoltzman.

Bounding and bobbing about the stage like an over-excited wind-up toy, Stoltzman even freezes mid-flight when bringing off the teasingly abrupt endings of movements. He turns to individual instrumentalists to engage in dialogue, and plays with great character. And if the tone is thin and reedy by some standards, it comes into its own with plangent cadences such as those of the Andante.

Stoltzman can produce a silky, creamy tone too, as he showed in the sublimely eloquent opening movement of Aaron Copland's Clarinet Concerto. The soliloquy, suspended between sonorous strings enhanced by harp and piano, was beautifully realised, while at the other end of the work the jazzy swoops and shrieks were executed with dazzling aplomb.

The choice of Prokofiev's showpiece, the Classical Symphony, may have been unwise. Not only was less-than-perfect ensemble revealed here, but Sanderling's sluggish tempo for the first movement and his heavy-handedness generally made for a neo-classical romp fatally short on wit and style.

Poulenc's Sinfonietta, though a slighter work, was more successful, delivered as it was with effervescent gaiety and seductive grace.

BARRY MILLINGTON

A silent ovation

Philharmonia/ Zander
Barbican

Benjamin Zander, like most conductors in the United States, is hot on verbal as well as musical communication. His performance of Mahler's Ninth Symphony with the Philharmonia was preceded by a full hour's talk; and, in place of programme notes, which Mahler abhorred anyway, there was a long and wise essay of his own.

The real communication began, though, when the baton was raised. Zander, now founder-director of the Boston Philharmonic, made his mark on British audiences for the first time last year in Mahler's Sixth at the Barbican. And to welcome him back is to wonder how we ever lost him; for this fine conductor is British born and bred until Harvard wooed him.

In physical precision and metaphysical vision he has filled the gap left by Klaus Tennstedt in his illness. Yet temperamentally Zander seems to share more with Sir Colin Davis. He does not live on the music's nerves but rather, broadly and far-sightedly, through its emotions, shaped by the music's breath and pulse. I should love to watch him rehearse to see how he obtained that veiled valediction to song in the voices of second violins and cellos in the symphony's *opening; to track his* work balancing so finely for many equal and individual voices in this least-instrumentally hierarchical of scores.

The second movement, that petrified *Ländler* from a dying Vienna, was minutely imagined in its every twitch of movement and sound. Zander's pacing left it with just enough of a swing to seem a real dance, even if this was a dance of death.

The Rondo-burleske which follows can sound more menacing than the Philharmonia allowed it to on Wednesday. But the clarity and the deceptive lilt of Zander's tempo released its own strange joy, one that revealed only the horrors of happiness. The packed Barbican Hall held its breath at the start of the final adagio. Here was a near perfect transition of pace, timbre, *and dynamics from the* opening, agonised violins' sigh to that great abide-with-me of a chorale which dominates the movement.

As shadows of the *Wunderhorn* songs and of *Urlicht* flicker from Mahler's earlier symphonies the listener is left in no doubt — from verbal recollection alone — that this is the loneliness of the soul which is speaking. As its physical life fades in the last bars, the Philharmonia played with the concentration of the finest of chamber ensembles. And even when bow and baton had given the licence for applause, there was the deepest, longest silence this hall may have ever heard.

HILARY FINCH

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** sees Wilde and eats humble pie. Plus, prejudice confronted through mime

Hall-marked by humanity

An Ideal Husband
Haymarket

Up to three years ago I had thought Wilde's *Ideal Husband* an unwieldy mix of melodrama, epigram, mildly liberal propaganda and the kind of blatant stage trickery customary in what the 19th century laughably misnamed "the well-made play". But then Peter Hall staged the piece in the West End and I had to recant. Now he has revived it with an almost identical cast and, much to my chagrin, I find I must go further. The correct attire for yours truly was sackcloth and ashes, given the humanity and humour Sir Peter has found in the play.

Years ago, Sir Robert Chiltern made a killing from selling a Cabinet secret to a foreign billionaire, and is now on the brink of Cabinet membership himself. Enter that figure so beloved of late-Victorian dramatists, the siren with the louche past. Mrs Cheveley has a compromising letter and will wreck the statesman's career if he does not lend his support to a shady deal in banana-republic South America. Worse, her revelations will imperil his marriage to Gertrude, who makes it clear that her devotion to him *depends* on her faith in the seamlessness of his virtue.

The play was staged while Queensberry was harassing Wilde, and precipitately withdrawn just after the dramatist's arrest. You only have to shut your eyes for a moment, and imagine that Chiltern's indiscretion is sexual rather than financial, to see the parallels between him and the man who ended up exposed, ruined and thrust into the stony maw of Reading Gaol. The plot had a particular frisson in the 1890s, and has a more general one in the 1990s.

But how to disguise the fact that in some ways both form and content are pretty dated? The denouement depends on the accidental discovery of a brooch the villainess has stolen, by the very man who years before bought it. And if you were to feed Germaine Greer the stuff about women's "emotional curves" being unimportant beside men's "wider scope", she would have it and you for breakfast.

Well, Hall and his cast have done more disguising than I had believed possible. They make light of the play's melodrama and bring weight to its comedy. Counterparts of Anna Carteret's Mrs Cheveley, with her creamy charm, and David Yelland's wintry Chiltern with his tense smiles, may be found politely destroying each other in politics or business today. And Penny Downie even manages to find warmth in Gertrude's seeming coldness. High minded but unselfknowing, she has construed her love for Chiltern as respect for his integrity and somewhere inside herself is not sorry to see the mistake corrected. The icy wife is, after all, a real woman.

Penny Downie as Lady Chiltern, Anna Carteret as the louche Mrs Cheveley, Martin Shaw as Lord Goring

But the evening's performance comes from Martin Shaw as Robert's friend and rescuer, the dandy and wit Lord Goring. His full, florid voice, face, wig and cravat all seem designed to evoke Wilde himself; but, as it turns out, less Wilde the poseur and paradoxist than Wilde the enemy of the rigid and frigid. In his wry, reproachful way he makes you feel there is something stalwart behind his flippancy and wise in the flippancy itself. His aim is to rid that microcosm of flawed Victorian virtue, the Chilterns' house, of lies, self-deception, intolerance and grief. What could be more authentically Wildean than that?

Discordant view of racial harmony

Dirty Reality II
Cochrane, WC1

Black Mime Theatre, celebrating its tenth year under Denise Wong's pioneering and skilled directorship, is enriching the Mime Festival with its latest bold piece about cross-colour relationships and children of mixed race growing up in Britain.

This short show manages to span the ages of Man (and Woman) and black history, intercutting glimpses of children's homes, the slave trade, school playgrounds and teenage discos from which develop adult partnerships and another generation.

While embracing the potential for passionate love and harmony between blacks and whites, *Dirty Reality II* confronts the prejudices on both sides and the cultural schizophrenia, social isolation and suicides these can cause.

Stylistically this piece, devised by the company in association with Nottingham Playhouse, is a mix. One scene flows into another. A cappella song overlaps speech. Drama, dance and mime merge.

The show does get off to a slow start. The soundbites taken from phone-ins and political forums on black identity and self-appreciation which are replayed, scratch-style, across the empty stage, become protracted. It also takes time to make sense of the five performers' mimed actions and expressionistic choreography.

But we soon become fluent in the language of the piece. Material simplicity, without props, combines with complex symbolic significance. A quick whiting-up with face paint suggests both black cultural submission and tribal masks.

Stuart Pampellone's springing, lashing solo dance simultaneously conveys anger and exuberant liberation. The cast shuffle forward uncertainly but with a sporadic hurling motion that hints at a street riot.

The work is provocative and sometimes distressing with, one suspects, personal experience underlying the acting. Yet the cast are, just as often, frankly sexy and funny, a multi-talented ensemble with distinct physical styles. Tall Mojisola Adebayo, after her broad clown of a matron at the racially repressive children's home, changes into an upsetting little girl trying to scratch away her brown skin.

Meanwhile, small Marva Alexander can switch from a funky teenybopper to an absurdly waddling grandma in a twinkle.

KATE BASSETT

'Dazzling farce'
Guardian
ROYAL COURT CLASSICS SEASON
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'custard pie of comic brilliance'
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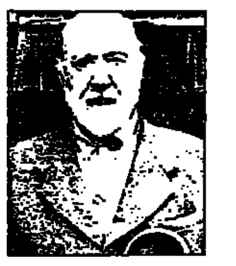


■ CHOICE 1

A BBC festival celebrates the pioneering music of Charles Ives

VENUE: Tonight to Sunday at the Barbican

■ CHOICE 2

The wacky Björk brings her wild compendium of styles to Britain

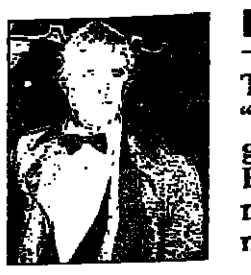
VENUE: On tour; see below for details

THE TIMES ARTS POP

■ CHOICE 3

Cleo Laine and John Dankworth take a nostalgic journey in Cardiff

VENUE: Tonight at St David's Hall



■ POP 1

The cult for "easy listening" gets worse: now Burt Bacharach is marketed for a new generation

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

IVES'S GENIUS: The BBC spends this weekend celebrating Charles Ives, the American composer whose pieces anticipated the wildest innovations of 20th-century music. *The Unanswered Question* looks at Ives as one of history's secret geniuses — pioneers who are so far ahead of their contemporaries, or of understanding, that they are declared mad, or ignored, or forced to earn a living doing something completely different. In this case, he was the boss of a large insurance company. The whirlwind takes in talks, films, concerts and an exhibition, with concerts from the BBC Symphony Orchestra (Andrew Davis conducts), the London Sinfonietta (Oliver Knussen conducts), a recital by Dawn Upshaw and Thomas Hampson, and a rousing finale of Ives's rarely heard Symphony No 4.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Sun.

SUNDAY AT THE WIGMORE
Wolfgang Holzmair's own recital tonight is sold out but the popular Austrian baritone returns on Sunday with the Nash Ensemble for a look at Vienna and the Romantic Century. BBC Young Musician of the Year 1994, cellist Natalie Clein, joins pianist Julius Drake to start the day with a coffee concert.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Sun, 11.30am and 4pm ♿

ELSEWHERE

CARDIFF: Jazz greats **Cleo Laine** and **John Dankworth** bring along a quartet of friends for an evening of pop and jazz favourites. Hear for yourself just why Laine's riveting voice helps put them at the forefront of the international scene.
St David's Hall, The Hayes (01222 878444). Tonight, 7.30pm ♿

SHEFFIELD: Björk, the Icelandic chanteuse who has stormed the charts and the Brit Awards, hits the UK tour road tonight. The roller coaster takes her unmistakable voice and music — a jazz, mix of reggae, torch-style, Indian and indie-rock — to four cities.
Arena ♿ (01142 565656), tonight, then **Manchester** G-Mex (0161-832 9000), Sat. **Bournemouth**, International Centre ♿ (01202 297297), Jan 22, **Wembley Arena** ♿ (0181-900 1234), Jan 25

EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW
Romanian conductor Ion Marin, who was here last year with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, returns to lead the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra** for a programme of Haydn, Mozart and Tchaikovsky. Over in the Queen's Hall Jose Serebrier and the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra** offer a Spanish flavour tomorrow, starting with Serebrier's own *Fantasia for Strings*.
Edinburgh: Queen's Hall ♿ (0131-668 2019), Sat, 7.45pm; Usher Hall (RSNO) ♿ (0131-228 1155), tonight, 7.30pm. **Glasgow**: Royal Concert Hall (RSNO) ♿ (0141-227 5511), Sat, 7.30pm

SOUTHAMPTON: Last week of performances for Dumas' swashbuckling tale of true love, jealousy and revenge. **The Count of Monte Cristo**.
Nuffield, University Road (01703 671771). Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 3pm, 7.30pm ♿

LONDON GALLERIES

London Contemporary Art Fair: Business Design Centre (0171-359 3535) **British Museum**: Okyo and [illegible] paintings (0171-636 1555) **Hayward**: Art and Power: Europe under the dictators 1930-1945 (0171-928 3144) **National Gallery**: Paintings from National Trust Houses (0171-747 2885) **National Portrait Gallery**: Lure of the Limelight: James Abbe Photographs (0171-306 0055) **Royal Academy**: David Hockney Drawing Retrospective (0171-439 7438) **Tate**: Colin Self, The Art of War 1939-45 (0171-887 8000) **V & A**: Jain Art from India (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **COMPANY**: Adrian Lester, Sheila Gish, Sophie Thompson in an excellent staging of Sondheim's bittersweet musical on marriage, pro and contra.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm ♿

◩ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI**: Cheek by Jowl's often bewildering production of an already confusing play, but Anastasia Hille is marvellous as the beleaguered heroine.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **FUNNY MONEY**: Ray Cooney plays the man who finds a bag of bank-notes in his latest farce. Rodney Bewes is the sorely-tried taxi-driver.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm ♿

◩ **HYSTERIA**: Henry Goodman plays Freud, with Tim Potter as Salvador Dali, in Terry Johnson's surreal, double award-winner. The funniest serious play in London.
Duke of Yorks, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm ♿

☐ **LONDON INTERNATIONAL MIME FESTIVAL**: Mime, acrobatics and the haunting skills of contemporary visual theatre. Companies from Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the UK at various venues.
Information (0171 637 5661)

◩ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm

■ **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC**: Elegant and successful production by Sean Mathias of Sondheim's Swedish charmer. Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, Sian Phillips and Lambert Wilson among the stars shining in the night.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm; Sat 2pm and 7.15pm ♿

☐ **PRIVATES ON PARADE**: Tony Slattery plays the irrepressibly camp entertainer in Peter Nichols's comedy with music, set at an Army Camp Party in Malaya in 1948. Paul Clayton directs.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **SLAUGHTER CITY**: New play — violent, surreal and set in a slaughterhouse — by Naomi Wallace, excellent American poet and playwright, whose *One Flea Spare* played at the Bush last autumn. Ron Daniels directs.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm; opens Jan 25, 7pm ♿

■ **TRAINSPOTTING**: Irvine Walsh's blackest of black comedies, set on the wild side of Edinburgh.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat 8.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 5pm

☐ **THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS**: Jeremy Sinden plays the ebullient Toad in the now annual return of the National Theatre production. Still delightful.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 6655). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm ♿

LONG RUNNERS

◩ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) ☐ **Dead Guilty**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) ■ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ◩ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DANGEROUS MINDS** (15): Michelle Pfeiffer brings hope to an inner-city school. Predictable, rose-tinted drama; director, John N. Smith.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

FAIR GAME (15): Laughable action vehicle for model Cindy Crawford, cast as an attorney in peril. With William Baldwin. Director, Andrew Sipes.
MGM Trocadero ♿ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

LEAVING LAS VEGAS (18): Nicholas Cage drinks himself to death. Striking, intimate drama from director Mike Figgis. With Elisabeth Shue.
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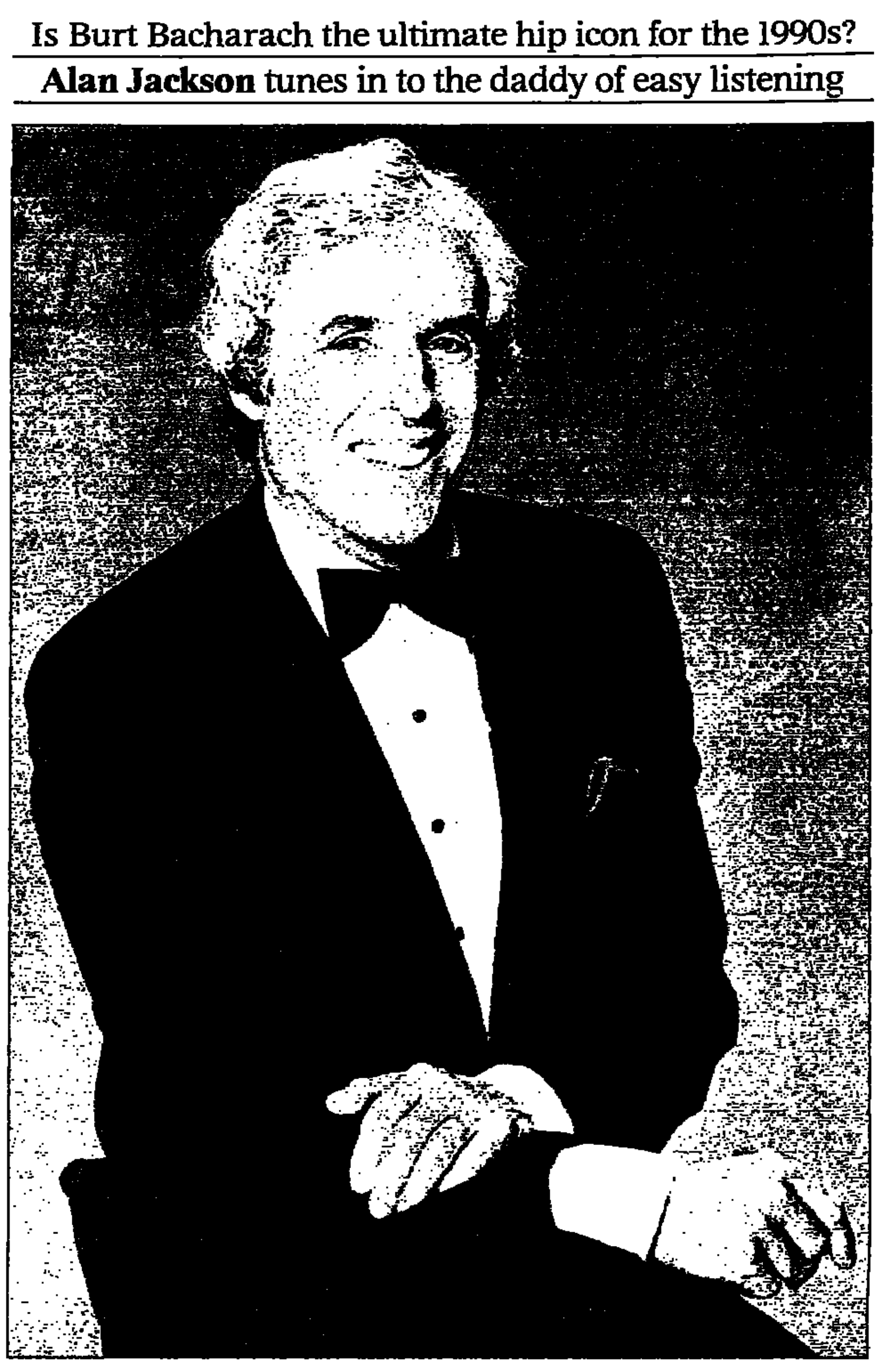
What the world needs now

Is Burt Bacharach the ultimate hip icon for the 1990s?

Alan Jackson tunes in to the daddy of easy listening



Man of the moment: Burt Bacharach has a devoted fan in Noel Gallagher of Oasis

One of the first records I can ever recall hearing was the Jack Jones version of *Wives and Lovers*. It is a song you rarely hear in these days of comparative sexual equality but, back in the early 1960s, nobody seemed to think it strange that a man with a bad haircut and a shiny suit should feel empowered to advise housewives to comb their hair and fix their make-up, then run to the door the moment that hardworking hubby came home to them. "For every day there are girls at the office," warned the impossibly urbane-sounding Jones. "And men will always be men . . ."

That lyric, written by Hal David to complement Burt Bacharach's gloriously breezy melody, says as much about gender roles in the era as any sociological treatise — and, of course, far more concisely. At the time though, any such import was lost on me, a six-year-old in Midlands suburbia; instead, it spoke to me of cool sophistication, of a necessarily American world peopled by Doris Day and Rock Hudson lookalikes who drove chrome-laden cars and lived in airy low-rise luxury. As did many of the other songs that floated out across the garden from my mother's radio in those warm-weather days of early childhood.

On the Street Where You Live by Peggy Lee, *Fly Me to the Moon* by Frank Sinatra, *Theme from a Summer Place* by Percy Faith . . . how potent they all sounded. Within months, the Beatles would release *She Loves You*, which our neighbours' teenage son spun endlessly on a bedroom Dansette, and the focus of popular culture would rocket instantly back across the Atlantic from Los Angeles and to Liverpool. But not before my imagination had been captured by the vodka-martini world of American middle-of-the-road. A spell had been cast which, subsequently, I have never quite had the heart or will to break.

Which is why, when idly grazing the silent television channels earlier this week, it was the image of the Mike Flowers Pops which finally caused me to sit down, turn up the sound and pay full attention. For here, alongside three latterday Ladybirds (for the benefit of younger readers, that trio of backing singers — the middle one defiantly bespectacled — dusted off whenever an act needed vocal support on early-period *Top of the Pops*), was the crown prince of the current easy-listening revival crooning Bricusse & Newley's *The Candy Man* with the aural equivalent of a knowing wink and an ironically raised eyebrow. What a disappointment.

The juxtaposition of styles has given a frisson of surprise to, and made compelling, his MOR versions of *Wonderwall* by Oasis and *Venus as a Boy* by Björk. Here he seemed little more than a novelty act though — a man in a nylon-look wig and period clothing, mugging to the camera in a broad pastiche of the musical past.

And that meant his performance was lacking the one ingredient which, as any true aficionado will tell you, is vital to good easy-listening music — sincerity. "It may appear kitsch from the outside but everyone involved takes it very seriously indeed," insists A&M Records' Penny Feuer of a youth cult that worships at such shrines as the Indigo Club or Swinging Safari in London, and at World of Cheese in Bristol.

She is responsible for the press campaign to launch *The Look of Love*, a 23-track celebration of Bacharach's art which includes such classics of the genre as Dionne Warwick's *Walk On By*, Gene Pitney's *24 Hours from Tulsa* and Herb Alpert's *This Guy's in Love with You*.

And instead of targeting media oldsters who were around at the time when such songs first became hits, she has found herself fielding requests for interviews with the songwriter from a range of specialist clubland and dance magazines.

"For them, easy listening is not just the latest vogue — it's a new way of life," she claims. "It's all about showbiz attitude. It's about sequins, cocktails and cabaret. It's about going to a civilised venue where you can relax and meet other people — not some greasy club where you're packed shoulder to shoulder and the music is so loud that you can't speak to anyone."

Young people dressing smartly and trading small talk to the sound of Sergio Mendes and Brazil '66 or the Sandpipers . . . can it possibly be true? Although it will be anathema to a parental generation which fought for its right to party and still requires a nostalgic fix of adult-orientated rock, the fact is that those stations currently notching up the fastest growth in their percentage of 15 to 24-year-old listeners include cosy old Radio 2 and the as yet southeast-only Melody FM.

"Glamour is back in fashion," notes Melody's managing director, Sheila Porritt. "Grunge is long gone. Now people are tiring of standing about in trainers clutching bottles of mineral water. They need a more environmental kind of music to enhance the new mood."

The retro clothes fashions that inevitably accompany the movement have given it a rather camp surface gloss. But the best easy listening — the very term unhelpfully suggests something inherently unchallenging — is not all style without substance. At its heart is writing craftsmanship able to survive repeated interpretation in a variety of different musical genres and by a multitude of different artists.

> ‘ It's all about showbiz — sequins, cocktails and cabaret ’

Noel Gallagher will need more than just the patronage of Mike Flowers for his output to be assured the longevity of the Lennon & McCartney or Bacharach & David songbooks. But the inclusion of a Bacharach poster within the room set featured on the cover of the first Oasis album and Gallagher's respectful presence on the BBC's recent film biography of the 57-year-old American, suggests that he aspires towards a similar refinement of skill.

"If I could write a song as good as *This Guy's in Love with You*, I'd die a happy man," he told the camera, one of series of homages rewarded by a reported interest from Bacharach in writing with his younger devotee. Such a collaboration could take Britpop off in an interesting new direction, and might require Gallagher to develop the kind of slacks-and-sports-coat suaveness sported by the veteran tunesmith in all his promotional photographs from the 1960s.

It could also pave the way for a Jack Jones revival. Only the lyrics to *Wives and Lovers* could get in the way of that ultimate in critical rehabilitations.

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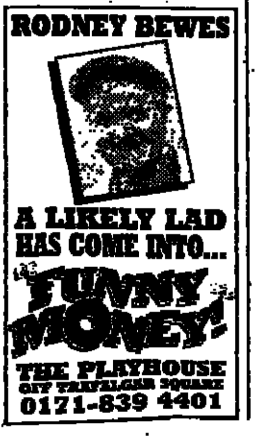

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NEW ALBUMS: **David Sinclair** suffers for Tori Amos's art but finds no holes in the Bucketheads

Bad case of primal therapy

Too many kooks: Tori Amos apparently needs "some voodoo on her prunes", but why does she think we need some too?

TORI AMOS
Boys for Pele
(eastwest 7567-82862)

A BLEAK, craggy monument to the emotional turbulence in Tori Amos's life, *Boys for Pele* redefines the concept of the "difficult" third album. Conceived amid the break-up of her eight-year relationship (romantic and professional) with producer Eric Rosse, it was mostly written during the singer's last tour.

Less than a third of the 18 tracks accommodate a full rhythm section and the austere arrangements are dominated by Amos's alternately thunderous and tinkling piano parts and heavily mannered singing. A courtly harpsichord is featured on several songs, along with occasional touches of strings, harmonium, bagpipes, church bells and a couple of cameo performances by the Black Dyke Mills (brass) Band. But despite these odd dashes of instrumental colour, the album's pulse remains stiff and ungainly, its tone charmless and cheerless throughout.

While rarely making much sense, Amos's lyrics sometimes resonate with dark sexual connotations, as on *Blood Roses* and *Professional Widow* (a song apparently about Courtney Love). But more often the words simply spill out like seeds in the wind ("I need some voodoo on these prunes"; "Congratulate you said you had a double tongue balancing cake and bread").

Conventional verse-chorus structures and tunes are largely abandoned in favour of convoluted, open-ended pieces, enabling Amos to give full rein to her extended bouts of primal warbling. It might work as therapy or revenge, but why take it out on us?

FRANK BLACK
The Cult of Ray
(Epic 481647)

WOEFULLY under-valued even when 1990s-style American rock 'n' roll was the flavour of the moment, Frank Black remains an awkward and stubborn customer. Combining the abrasive characteristics of grunge with the speedy thrill of punk, yet somehow contriving to fit into neither camp, *The Cult of Ray* is his third solo album since the demise of the Pixies.

Although a gifted songwriter who wants to sell "lots and lots of records", he does not make things easy for himself. Resolutely unromantic ("My heart is just a muscle in a cavity") and invariably sticking to the old punk maxim that you do not hang around once you have made your point, he tends to throw away ideas in the rush to get on.

The fast, chunky chord sequences of *Men in Black* and *Dance War* shoot past pleasantly enough and a couple of instrumental tracks make a welcome change. And every so often there are those flashes of wry genius — such as the sensational rocker *You Ain't Me* and the untypically sensitive *I Don't Want to Hurt You* — that make it all worthwhile. The overall result is a victory on points, if not the knockout punch that was intended.

THE BUCKETHEADS
All in the Mind
(Henry Street Music/Positiva)

MORE of an alias than a group, the Bucketheads are basically Kenny "Dope" Gonzalez, a 25-year-old whiz-kid producer from New York, previously better known as one half of the cult DJ/remix duo Masters at Work. That was until last year when, trading as the Bucketheads, Gonzalez enjoyed a British Top Five hit with *The Bomb! (These Sounds Fall into my Mind)*, an infectious dance-floor groove stitched together from samples of an old Chicago track called *Streetplayer*.

The debut Bucketheads album, *All in the Mind*, successfully extends the basic principle of *The Bomb!* to album length. Cleverly combining mechanised rhythm tracks, bass loops and spacey house effects with straight, jazz-rock samples, Gonzalez creates vibrant, 1990s grooves from the reassuringly ancient sounds of horns and guitars. The result is a hip, modern dance experience with soul.

PAUL CARRACK
Blue Views
(IRS/EMI 8 36679)

HIS was the voice on hits by Ace (*How Long*) and Squeeze (*Tempted*), and he remains the lead singer with Mike & the Mechanics. But five albums down the line, and 44-year-old Paul Carrack is still struggling to establish a solo identity.

At his best Carrack can produce a song such as *Somewhere in Your Heart*, a clean-cut, soul-blues stroll that could belong on a Robert Cray album. But for the most part, as on the single *Eyes of Blue* and a sturdy reworking of *How Long*, he steers unadventurously along the middle of the road.

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1	(What's The Story) Morning Glory?	Oasis (Creation)
2	Robson & Jerome	Robson & Jerome (RCA)
3	Different Class	Pulp (Island)
4	HIStory	Michael Jackson (Epic)
5	Jagged Little Pill	Alanis Morissette (Maverick)
6	Said And Done	Boyzone (Polydor)
7	Something To Remember	Madonna (Maverick)
8	Power Of A Woman	Eternal (EMI)
9	The Memory Of Trees	Enya (WEA)
10	CrazySexyCool	TLC (Laface)

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Revenge has been fruitful

Tori Amos was right to expose her private demons on her new album

In the empty monochrome of the restaurant, broken only by subdued green glass ashtrays and polite white vases, Tori Amos is stretched out, splayed across a chair, flailing at an invisible piano, her orange hair as loud and wailing as her voice. She is singing, arias ricocheting off the blank metal walls, the cash till, the professionally blasé waiters. The table vibrates. The lyrics guarantee the service charge is going to be through the roof: "Star f***er, just like my daddy/ Mother Mary/China White/ Brown may be sweeter." The song is *Professional Widow*, the sickening, harpsichord swamp-rock deluge from Amos's new album, *Boys For Pele*, and already in the running for the best song of 1996.

CAITLIN MORAN

"She's a black-widow spider, a delicious Southern woman; you'd want to eat her like ice cream but that ice cream is laced with strychnine. You'd have still melted cream running from your lips, down your face as your body stiffens and you went into convulsions." Tori explains, turning back to the table and quietening her rioting hair: "Your eyes would be rolling to the back of your sockets but you'd still reach out for another scoop. You'd die hungry for her." There are rumours that it's about Courtney Love, Kurt Cobain's widow.

"No, it's about me," Amos insists. "The part of me that wants to trap men in that woman-molasses. The part that's almost out hunting for revenge." It sounds like a slab of vintage Led Zeppelin. It certainly rocks, something one wouldn't expect of Tori Amos.

"All the hard rock boys know I rock," she grins. "That's why Robert Plant, Trent Reznor [of industrial hard-core band Nine Inch Nails] and Eddie Van Halen turn up to my gigs. They know how hard it is to drive a piano on stage, alone, for two hours a night. But I prefer it that way."

It's these febrile emotions that lend *Boys for Pele* its air of channelled grief, hysteria and healing — Amos recently broke up with the man she had intended to marry, her producer Eric Rosse, and the emotional fallout produced *Boys for Pele*'s other stand-out track, *Hey Jupiter*.

"That was my last letter to him," Amos whispers, her wide eyes looking even wetter and brighter than usual. "My last attempt to get him back. I sang everything that was good about me in *Jupiter*, put everything in it. It was the last of our love. And it worked, for a little while. To a certain extent.

"Now I know we could never have spent the rest of our lives together," Amos reflects. "So much of me was him — when we were together I was strong, and I thought that meant I was complete. But I had to find out these things for myself. And that's what this album is about — it's the first record I've done for myself. I produced it myself — we went to Ireland, and I recorded it all in this little box, with my piano on my right and my harpsichord on my left, singing in the dark. Most of it's unaccompanied — I have so many different rhythms in my songs it would be cluttered if anyone else joined in."

It's the rolling tempo changes, complex counter-rhythms and almost wilful obliqueness of the lyrics. ("She thinks she's Kaiser Wilhelm/Or a civilised syllabub" from *Mr Zebra*, the track you should skip) that marks out *Boys for Pele* as Amos's excursion into the same kind of alternative-rock field as Throwing Muses and Baby Bird. Almost certainly *Q* will not be putting her on the cover this time around.

"I find it surprising when people do put me on their covers," Amos says. "It's different here in England, but in America I only get played on college radio; and remarks I've made about religion mean I'm seen as this dangerous infidel." She gives a wry grin. "And with my father a priest I was in the running for some serious confusion in my head, which is why I'm so glad I'm part Cherokee. I've always got a part of me I can turn to."

Rockin' on the box

As *The White Room* returns, pop on TV has never looked healthier

He's ready, ready, ready to rock 'n' roll: Little Richard

Tomorrow night sees the return of *The White Room* to Channel 4 (11.10pm) and no matter how it fares this time, the very fact of its continued existence is a triumph of sorts. After all, not many pop television shows in recent memory have made it as far as a second series.

According to Waldemar Januszczak, the commissioning editor for arts and music at Channel 4, until *The White Room* the network had not had a successful music show since *The Tube* in the early 1980s. "*Friday Night at the Dome*, *Rock Steady*, *Wired* and all the others have been, at best, honourable failures, but more often a lot worse than that," he now admits.

The White Room has arrived at a time when the British music scene is flourishing but, according to Januszczak, the programme's success is more than just a happy accident of timing. He believes that, as well as having absolute faith in the televisual appeal of good, popular music "irrespective of age, sex, race, chart position or genre" and paying minute attention to the technical details of staging and direction, *The White Room* has captured a vital element of topicality.

"The only way to put music on television successfully is to make a show that is horribly and obviously *au courant*. It has to be the place to be. And if you go along to the recording of *The White Room*, you will find the whole place heaving with people desperate to be there on the night, be it Chris Evans, Paula Yates, Mark Lamarr, whoever."

As tomorrow night's line-up of Blur, Robert Palmer, Little Richard, Babylon Zoo, Solo and Skunk Anansie demonstrates, the show has made a virtue out of casting its net wide. But despite viewing figures for the first series averaging more than a million, Januszczak and the show's executive producer, Malcolm Gerrie, have not had everything their own way. In keeping with the spirit of the times — which gave us the battle of the Britpop bands — a fierce rivalry has developed between *The White Room* and BBC2's flagship music show *Later with Jools Holland*.

Holland, whose programme recently completed its sixth series, described *The White Room* as "just a sad, pale copy" of *Later*. Januszczak begs to differ. "The last series of *Later* took far more from the first series of *The White Room* than *The White Room* has ever taken from *Later*, and I've got the tapes to prove it. *Later* has its strengths, but having its finger on the pulse isn't one of them."

Whatever their differences, with two substantial live music shows now firmly established, along with the revitalised *Top of the Pops* and *The Chart Show*, the coverage of pop on terrestrial television is now better than it has been for two decades.

And there is more to come. Dani Behr's late-night show, *Hotel Babylon*, launched on ITV on January 5, has had a frosty reception, and surprisingly little is known about Chris Evans's new Channel 4 show, the coyly titled *T.F.I. Friday*, except that it starts next month on a Friday. But both programmes promise to include a substantial proportion of live music in the mix.

After years of cynicism and scepticism — remember the argument that live music simply did not work on television and that comedy was the "new rock 'n' roll"? — it looks as if we are at last entering a golden era of pop on television.

DAVID SINCLAIR

CONCERTS: Overtalented songwriter; and an unfettered singer

Charlie still a darling

Charlie Dore
Borderline, WC2

POSSIBLY it is the fact of being good at too many things which first diminished Charlie Dore's potential as a pop star. Her one British almost-hit as a performer, 1979's *Pilot of the Airwaves*, may recur even now on the radio yet it barely tickled the lower reaches of the charts at the time. Occasional film roles, regular appearances as a member of an improvisational comedy team . . . she has not been sitting around moping about missed opportunities or dreams unfulfilled.

But it is her skill as a writer of hit material for other artists which has kept her name alive on record industry lips in the interim. A British No 1 for Jimmy Nail? Why certainly. An American Top 10 hit for Sheena Easton? No problem either. And a track for inclusion on Celine Dion's ten-million-selling *The Colour of My Love*? Here is one that will do nicely.

Dore cheerfully admitted at this, one of three low-key but well-attended London gigs within a week, that it was the third of those options — *Refuse to Dance*, the least formulaic of all Dion's choices on that album — which had allowed her not only to self-finance a good new album of original material (*Things Change*) but also to assemble the talented six-piece band with which she promoted it here. And she seized the chance to prove that, unlike her American pen-for-hire counterparts, she nurtures a healthy horror of the clichéd or the careworn phrase; the cumulative impression was of a woman almost too intelligent to excel at her chosen trade.

But excel she does, by bringing wit and wisdom to a genre too often shackled to the moon-June school of songwriting. The gently political songs *Running Out of Heroes* and *772477* ("A prisoner's identity number, not the phone number of some desperate girl") gave the greatest scope to her own airily athletic voice, but it was the performance of other tracks from the album — in particular *Time Goes By*, *Kiss My Innocence* and the title number — which made them seem like hits waiting to happen for any other artists with well-attuned ears.

Original versions of her Dion and Easton successes (the cleverly provocative *Strut*) completed the set. As for Jimmy Nail and *Ain't No Doubt*? Dore's warm reception left her no reason to attempt the requisite look of hangdog ennui.

ALAN JACKSON

Recipe for a vocal storm

Barbara Cook
Café Royal

EVERY now and then — let's say once or twice a year — comes an occasion when a critic should be allowed to gush unashamedly. Barbara Cook's *tour de force*, a performance which wound a majestic path through Broadway standards and well chosen contemporary ballads, was just such an evening.

With Cook, you get the best of both worlds. An accomplished soprano who brought a coloratura's flights of fancy to the role of Cunégonde in the original production of Leonard Bernstein's *Candide*, she has reined in the voice with the passing years, yet still blends immaculate diction and pitch with a jazz singer's intimacy and relaxed timing. Again and again she breaks free from the original meter of a song to create her own, indelible interpretation.

The climax of her show, a gracefully assembled medley from *Porgy and Bess*, brought all those virtues into focus. Even in these brief extracts her cultured vibrato and theatrical training took her to the heart of each number; her exuberant phrasing on *It Ain't Necessarily So* and *A Woman is a Sometime Thing* was the work of an artist who, in mood and nuance, knows her way around Catfish Row.

If she makes this sleight of hand seem effortless, much of the credit must also go to her pianist of many years, Wally Harper, and her nimble bass player, Steve McManus. Much more than an accompanist, Harper ascends to the level of a co-star, his subtle arrangements responding to and sometimes cajoling Cook's voice. Together, they remind you of a married couple who finish each other's sentences. Only in this case you hear no clichés or small talk, just the liveliest of epigrams.

CLIVE DAVIS

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Calculating start of automatic timetable with multiple defendants

Peters v Winfield and Another
Churchill v Forest of Dean District Council and Another

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton

[Judgment December 21]

Where an action was brought against more than one defendant, the date from which the commencement of the timetable for the automatic directions in Order 17, rule 11 of the County Court Rules 1981, as substituted, was to be calculated was the date on which the last *defendant named* in the action as originally issued delivered his defence to the court.

The Court of Appeal so held:

(i) dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Graham Winfield and John Martelette, from Judge Hagen, at Bristol County Court, who, affirming the deputy district judge's order, held that time under the automatic timetable ran from close of pleadings consequent on the delivery by the later defendant of his defence so that the action of the plaintiff, Nigel Peters, had not been automatically struck out under Order 17, rule 11(9);

(ii) granting an application by the plaintiff, Margaret Churchill, *for leave to appeal and allowing* her appeal from Judge McNaught, at Gloucester County Court, who, on appeal by the defendants, Forest of Dean District Council and Gordon Bourne, from the district judge, had ruled that the automatic directions timetable was to be calculated from delivery of the earlier defence and had concluded that the plaintiff's action had been automatically struck out.

In each case each of the defendants had served defences with a long interval between them. If the timetable was to be calculated by reference to the first to be delivered the plaintiff's action had been automatically struck out under Order 17, *rule 11(9)*, but if the calculation was to be made by reference to the delivery of the later, then the action had not been struck out.

First action: Mr Adrian Palmer, QC and Mr Brian Watson for the first defendant; Mr Timothy Otty for the second defendant; Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC and Mr Glyn Edwards for the plaintiff.

Second action: Mr Paul Darlow for the defendants; Mr P. Langlois for the plaintiff.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the question raised on both appeals was in an action where there was more than one defendant, each of whom delivered a defence, were pleadings deemed to be closed by *reference to delivery of the first or* last defence or was the timetable to run separately in respect of each defendant by reference to the time he delivered his defence.

There were theoretically four answers:

1 The automatic directions regime did not apply at all where proceedings were brought against several defendants or where more than one defendant served a defence.

2 The trigger date was to be calculated from the date of delivery of the first defence to be delivered.

3 The trigger date was to be calculated from the date of the last defence to be delivered.

4 The trigger date was to be *calculated vis-a-vis each defendant* from the date of delivery of his defence.

There was no conclusive clue in the rules as to which solution was to be preferred, and the presumption in the Interpretation Act 1978 that ordinarily the singular included the plural was tenuous in present circumstances.

His Lordship looked for greater assistance in considering the practicalities assumed to underlie the rules, although he bore in mind the argument that the language of Order 9, rule 2(6), reproduced in Order 17, rule 11(1) provided for "a defendant" to deliver "a defence".

He rejected the first answer with confidence: No party contended for it and it had not been favoured by district or circuit judges. It was common knowledge that proceedings were regularly brought against two or more defendants in, for example, cases involving motor accidents, industrial injuries and sale of goods disputes.

The draftsman must have been aware of that and could not have intended to exclude the regime in *such familiar everyday* cases.

His Lordship rejected the fourth answer which had been supported by one party on the appeals but not by any of the judges involved nor generally. Its solution might be superficially attractive. But if the timetable proceeded in respect of the first defendant who delivered a defence the time would come when the plaintiff had to request a hearing date.

If the timetable was proceeding later in respect of another defendant who had delivered his defence later, the stage in respect of the later defendant might not have been reached for discovery or exchange of witness statements.

The plaintiff had to request a hearing date for the action, not for part of it, so it would be inappropriate if the hearing date for the action was fixed when the later defendant did not have the time the rules intended to give him.

The defendants on the appeals strongly argued in favour of the second answer. Nothing in that answer was contradicted by the language of the rules. But if there was a gap between the first delivery and the second then the duty to give discovery and exchange witness statements would be binding on the plaintiff and the earlier defendant and the timetable would roll before the delivery *of the second defence and before all* the issues were known.

When the later defendant served his defence he might find that the time provided by the timetable had been spent or partly so. That seemed to be a powerful objection.

The third answer was the only possible solution if the others were to be rejected. Ordinarily there would be no difficulty because there would not be significant gaps between delivery of the defences. The majority of judges had favoured that answer.

It could not be said that that answer had no drawbacks or difficulties. Where there was a long gap between deliveries the action hung fire and the object of the regime was frustrated to the extent of affording ample opportunity for delay.

There was an obvious difficulty where a defendant had not been effectively served, or where he had been but had not delivered a defence.

There was a *further problem* where a named defendant blamed an additional party whom the plaintiff had to join and who would then serve a defence causing delay after the timetable had begun.

It was impossible to find any answer which solved all problems, but his Lordship was satisfied that on the whole the effective conduct of proceedings and the fair treatment of those involved was achieved by calculating the trigger date from the date of the last defence delivered by a defendant named in the action as originally issued.

Any party finding himself embarrassed by that rule should seek variation of the automatic timetable from the court, and any problem, unfairness or difficulty was to be resolved by recourse to the court for an order appropriate to meet the requirements of justice in the circumstances of the case.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton agreed.

Solicitors: Sansbury Hill, Bristol; Cartwrights, Bristol; Lyons Davidson, Bristol.

Charles Allchurch & Co, Tewkesbury and Bretherton Price Elgoods, Cheltenham; Tayntons, Gloucester.

Stating a view

Series 5 Software Ltd v Clarke And Others

While *American Cyanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd* ([1975] AC 396) decided that the court should not attempt, on the hearing of an application for interlocutory relief, to resolve difficult issues of fact or law, it *remained proper, after it as before* it, for a judge hearing such an application to take account of the relative strength of each party's case, as revealed by the affidavit evidence and, if thought fit, to state his view of the merits.

Mr Justice Laddie so held in the Chancery Division on December 18, in refusing applications by the plaintiff, Series 5 Software Ltd, for *interlocutory* injunctions restraining the defendants from soliciting orders or otherwise dealing with any customer of the plaintiff whose name appeared on any client or contact list taken from the plaintiff for products or services of the nature sold by the plaintiff; and from using or disclosing to any other party the source codes or algorithms or any parts thereof or any derivatives therefrom, used in forming part of the QC 2000 program in any of its forms whether completed or not.

Direction displaces timetable

Downer and Downer Ltd v Brough
Protim Services Ltd v Newcomb

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton

[Judgment December 21]

An interlocutory direction made by *the county court had the effect of* displacing to that extent the automatic directions regime in Order 17, rule 11 of the County Court Rules 1981, as substituted. Where therefore such a direction of the court required the parties jointly to fix a hearing date the effect was that rule 11(3)(d) and (9) ceased to apply.

The Court of Appeal so held:

(i) dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Mr J. J. Brough, from Judge Maclaren Webster, at Salisbury County Court, who had held that the direction, given by a deputy district judge that the action be listed for trial "on the joint application of the parties with a time estimate" superseded the automatic directions so that the action brought by the plaintiff, Downer and Downer Ltd, had not been struck out under Order 17, rule 11(9);

(ii) dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Margaret Newcomb, from Judge Batterbury, at Bristol *County Court, who had allowed an* appeal by the plaintiff, Protim Services Ltd, from the district judge, and concluded that the county court had directed a pre-trial review with the consequence that the automatic directions did not apply and the action had not been automatically struck out under Order 17, rule 11(9).

First action: Mr Robert Clay for the defendant; Miss Geraldine Clark for the plaintiff.

Second action: Mr Martyn Barklem for the defendant; Mr Julian Waters for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE referred to the issue common to both appeals: what was the effect on the automatic directions and the requirement in Order 17, rule 11(3)(d) to request a hearing date within a prescribed period of an interlocutory direction of the county court that (in the first appeal) the action was to be listed on the joint application of the parties and (in the second appeal), that, inter alia, the action be listed for hearing on a date to be fixed on application certifying readiness for hearing and subject to agreed time estimate.

The governing provisions were Order 17, rules 1, 3, dealing with *pre-trial review, and 11(1A), (2)(b)* and (4), dealing with directions given by the court which were to supersede to that extent the automatic directions regime.

The issue was whether by virtue of those provisions the effect of the orders was to exempt the plaintiff from the need to make a request for a hearing date under rule 11(3)(d) and from the sanction of automatic strike out under rule 11(9).

Irrespective of whether the order on the first appeal emanated from a pre-trial review it in fact displaced rule 11(3)(d). Its language was not ambiguous; the rules were plain that a direction of the court prevailed over the automatic regime.

An order requiring the action to be set down and leaving it to the initiative of a party or the agreement of both was irreconcilable with the automatic direction which made it the mandatory duty of the plaintiff only to make a request for *a hearing date within the specified* time, coupled with the sanction of strike out provided by rule 11(9).

On the second case for those reasons the defendant's argument, that the clear terms of rule 11(9) was not to be ousted by the county court's direction, could not be sustained.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeals.

Lord Justice Otton agreed.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, agreeing, said that on the making of the orders the parties had not understood the six month and 15 month time limits to survive, nor had the judges concerned *intended that they should*. Both orders contained elements which found no place in Order 17, rule 11. It was clear that rule 11(3)(d) and (9) ceased to have effect.

The County Court Rules recognised that in certain cases a different timetable from rule 11 might be appropriate. Accordingly, the court could vary the automatic directions and should not hesitate to do so where good reason was shown.

It was however undesirable, even when a different timetable was laid down, that the date for *requesting a hearing date should* be left open. If a new timetable were laid down an order should be made to ensure that indefinite delay could not result.

That could be done either by stipulating the date by which a hearing date had to be sought, or by fixing a return date on which a date would be fixed.

His Lordship urged district judges and circuit judges who were asked to make orders of that kind not to leave the date for requesting a hearing date at large and they should make it as clear as possible whether any part, and if so which parts of Order 17, rule 11 was intended to remain in effect.

Solicitors: Trethowans, Salisbury; Dixon & Templeton, Fordingbridge.

Burroughs Day, Bristol; Bishop & Sewell.

Transfer from High Court

Tarry v Humberside Finance Ltd

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton

[Judgment January 12]

The automatic directions regime contained in Order 17, rule 11, of the County Court Rules 1981, as substituted, including that providing for automatic strike out, did not apply to proceedings commenced in the High Court before October 1, 1990, when the auto*matic directions regime came into* force, but transferred to the county court after that date.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Humberclyde Finance Ltd, the third party, K. F. Kirby (Harboro) Ltd, and the fourth party, J. I. Case (Europe) Ltd, from Judge Bray, at Northampton County Court, who had reversed the decision of the district judge and ruled that the action begun by the plaintiff, Geoffrey Tarry, in the High Court in February 1990 and transferred to the county court in August 1991, had not been automatically struck out under Order 17, rule 11(9) in November 26, 1992 for failure to request a hearing date within the period prescribed by Order 17, rule 11.

Mr R. Clive Smith for the defendant and the third and fourth parties; Mr Richard Rundell for the plaintiff.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the new regime had been introduced by rule 14 of the County Court (Amendment No 3) Rules (SI 1990 No 1764 (L 17)) which had substituted a new rule 11 in Order 17. Thought had been given at that time to its impact on actions transferred from the High Court, and accordingly rule 13 of the statutory instrument amended Order 16, rule 6 by adding subrule (1A). Plainly therefore the automatic directions regime was to apply to the transferred actions.

There were two curiosities about that statutory instrument:

1 Although the new rule 11 con*tained clear rules* to determine when the timetable for automatic directions would begin in proceedings commenced in the county court, there was no similar provision applicable to transferred actions.

That was addressed by amendment to Order 16, rule 6(1A) by rule 7 of the County Court (Amendment No 4) Rules (SI 1991 No 1882 (L 28)): pleadings would be deemed to be closed 14 days after the date of transfer.

2 Rule 17 of the instrument provided: "Nothing in rules 2 to 16 shall apply to proceedings commenced before those rules come into force." That clearly applied to *rules 13 and 14*. The relevant rules came into force on October 1, 1990. But the effect of rule 17 was not incorporated in any county court rule.

It might be natural to infer that the new rule 11 would not apply to any action commenced in the county court before the rule giving effect to the new rule came into force. But it would not be so easy to infer how the new rule would apply to actions which only fell within the scope of the County Court Rules on transfer.

On the defendant's side it had been argued in reliance on Order 17, rule 11(1A) that since such an action only fell within the scope of the County Court Rules on transfer, it was transfer which was to be regarded as the operative date for application of the automatic directions rules.

Rejecting that argument his Lordship preferred that of the plaintiff: that rule 11(1A) equated transferred actions with those commenced in the county court so that the same rules applied to each.

In his Lordship's opinion, "commence" in relation to proceedings was a term of art. It had the meaning he had given it in *Dresser UK Ltd v Falcongate Freight Management Ltd* ([1992] QB 502, 517).

He could not reconcile the defendant's argument with what seemed to be the plain effect of rule 17 of the 1990 Amendment Rules. If it had been intended to equate transfer from the High Court with commencement in the county court for the purpose of determining when Order 17, rule 11 began to apply to a transferred action that could easily, and should clearly, have been stated.

At best for the defendant the provisions were ambiguous, and the plaintiff ought not to lose his action on an ambiguity.

Although, it being a test case, his Lordship had approached the issue as one of principle, there was a shorter route to the same conclusion.

Referring to the Court of Appeal decision in *Gleed v Milton Keynes Borough Council* (unreported, February 6, 1995), he said that, whether or not the decision was strictly binding on the present court, he would wish to follow it.

He would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton agreed.

Solicitors: Ronald England & Sons, Sheffield; Hewitson Becke & Shaw, Northampton.

Correction

In *In re H (Minors) (Child abuse: Threshold conditions) (The Times* December 15) the first reference to *In re W (Minors) (Sexual abuse: Standard of proof)* ([1994] 1 FLR 419), where the House approved *the Court of Appeal, should have* included the page reference 424. The second reference to the same case, where their Lordships disapproved the Court of Appeal, should have included the page reference 429.

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Weakness in numbers

John O'Leary on why Swiss and German children are better at maths

ALAN WELLER

Imogen Bevan, of west London, is one of a growing number of children who do extra work at home to bolster their maths

International comparisons are notoriously difficult to get right in education. Overlapping qualifications and linguistic differences often cast doubt on the accuracy of studies that invariably chart the inadequacies of British schools.

The main exception to the rule is mathematics, where the nature of the subject avoids such complications. Several authoritative studies have shown that other European, and Asian, children really are ahead of their British counterparts by some margin. Although the gap narrows in secondary education, scores for younger pupils suggest fundamental flaws in the approach at primary school.

There has been persistent criticism of the standard of mathematics in British schools. Universities have altered their degree programmes to allow for gaps in students' knowledge, and academics have identified shortcomings across the system.

Late last year, three leading mathematical associations claimed: "Recent changes in school mathematics may well have had advantages for some pupils, but they have not laid the necessary foundations to maintain the quantity and quality of mathematically competent school-leavers and have greatly disadvantaged those who need to continue their mathematical training beyond school level."

Sir Geoffrey Holland, former Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education, pinned the blame on primary schools earlier this month. He quoted international studies showing only 4 per cent of the bottom 40 per cent of English 13-year-olds able do simple sums correctly, compared with 76 per cent of Germans.

So serious had the concerns become that the same week Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, announced 50 remedial centres to help schools to teach basic numeracy.

The problem is by no means a new one but this time there is more evidence to support claims of a decline. Britain came below all but two of the 14 countries in arithmetical tests of nine-year-olds carried out in 1991. Other research has confirmed that, while British children at the top end of the ability range compare favourably with the world's best, there is an unusually long tail of low-achievers in basic number work.

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR), which has traced shortcomings in vocational education partly to underachievement in mathematics, set out to establish the root causes. Its report, published yesterday, finds that the problems are indeed fundamental.

Helvia Bierhof, the author of the study, compared British textbooks and teaching methods to those in Germany and German-speaking Switzerland. There was little surprise at the initial comparisons of mathematics for eight and nine-year-olds, which showed continental countries giving much greater weight to arithmetic. Britain has fared badly in this area in international studies.

Where the English national curriculum divides mathematics into five areas from the earliest years of schooling, Germany and Switzerland, like other European countries, concentrate on arithmetic. The NIESR study found that English primary school teachers devoted about half their mathematics lessons to number work, even though they assumed that the curriculum really required equal time for each of the five areas. Continental teachers spent 80 per cent of their time on arithmetic, considering it the key to further progress.

Textbooks reflect this basic difference: those on the Continent hardly mention topics such as data handling, in which British children excel. But Dr Bierhof believes textbooks also reveal important differences in approach to the teaching of mathematics.

Both German and Swiss textbooks contain much more material than English ones because they expect between three and fives times as much class time to be spent on practice and consolidation before a new topic is introduced. Where English teachers will introduce between 25 and 30 new topics per year, continental children are limited to about ten. An average of 12 pages is devoted to each topic in German and Swiss textbooks, compared with half that number in Britain.

One reason for the contrast may be that continental teachers spend more time instilling a thorough grasp of numbers up to 100, giving precedence to mental calculation. The theory is that an automatic response in basic calculation is necessary for progress to more complex work. The use of calculators, already controversial in Britain, is frowned on. They are thought to put the development of mental calculation at risk.

German and Swiss teachers also rely much more on textbooks, which have to have government approval. English schools are expected to produce their own "schemes of work", using the textbook as just one source of material. Dr Bierhof says English teachers are "reinventing the wheel" while their counterparts are free to focus on how best to put the message across.

Professor Sig Prais, the institute's head of research, says the study strengthens the case for a further review of the mathematics curriculum. "The curriculum has reinforced weaknesses and made things worse in a number of ways. Teachers need sensible advice, rather than legislation, on how mathematics should be taught in the early years."

- Laying the foundations of numeracy, *(£3) NIESR, 2 Dean Trench Street, London SW1P 3HE.*

WRITTEN v MENTAL ARITHMETIC

The NIESR study draws attention to differences between the English and continental approaches, such as:

"Vertical addition is expected to be employed in England even when sums are relatively simple. . . On the Continent, vertical addition is not introduced until about age nine; it is then almost entirely used to solve sums which are too complex to be worked out mentally (eg. 421+258)."

As a result, it says, certain types of errors were "frequently observed during our visits to English primary schools. Average nine-year-olds had written (horizontally) the following sums: 49-25=6; 73-49=18; 74-19=14."

"An above-average nine-year-old frequently did not 'carry forward' correctly in sums she added vertically (see right). .

"Such mistakes happen anywhere, but were not observed to anywhere near the same extent among continental pupils."

100	100
70	80
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Bob Salisbury defends his school's incentive scheme

Why I gave my pupils those meal vouchers

Little did I know when I first considered offering family meal vouchers as form prizes what a stir it would cause. But now that the media storm has died down, it is a relief to find that parents and even alcohol campaigners take a more measured view.

To set the record straight, the vouchers are not, as was claimed by some critics in last week's press, "tokens for buying booze" or "a charter for under-age drinking". They are a serious attempt to reinforce the achievements gained at school through the context of the family and community. The idea that any school would actually encourage children to drink alcohol illegally is a preposterous one and this notion should be seen for the sensationalism it is.

The family meal voucher is awarded for personal achievement and is given to youngsters who are punctual, have a smart appearance, good attendance, a pleasant and cheerful attitude, produce conscientious work and who help others — surely qualities with which few could find fault?

One voucher is issued to each class each term and the voucher can be exchanged in selected restaurants, and only in the presence of parents. It is intended that the award will provide a pleasant reason for families to go out together, talk about school and celebrate progress.

The award is only one of a wide range of strategies used in the school to reward improved performance and cooperative behaviour.

For years many schools have operated in a world that emphasises criticism and punishment rather than praise and reward. Though these traditional approaches may be safe and uncontroversial, they clearly do not work with many of today's youngsters. Those on the receiving end either give up, switch off or simply stay away.

Of course, good schools set high standards of discipline and work hard in seeking inventive means of motivating pupils and maintaining interest. Everyone aspires to instil the idea of long-term gratification and satisfaction from the work itself, but short-term incentives such as commendation certificates, merit systems, book tokens and family meal vouchers also have their place.

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The second point at issue is whether or not approaches such as the family food voucher introduce youngsters to the idea of an alcohol culture.

This school takes the view that alcohol abuse and excessive drunken behaviour will be combated only if the problem is tackled in the context of the family and community. Most schools have teaching programmes that strive to develop a responsible attitude to drugs and alcohol, but these become truly effective only if they are backed up by "real life" experiences outside the classroom.

The parents of youngsters in this school see the common sense of this philosophy and have overwhelmingly backed the introduction of the family food voucher scheme. They see it as an inventive, practical way of promoting a family approach to eating out, of socialising and of growing up. The fact that it is linked to achievement at school is an added bonus.

Responsible brewers and even the Alcohol Problems Advisory Service are keen to promote the idea of "family eating experiences" or "safe, sensible drinking in a convivial environment", because this represents the approach most likely to succeed. Changing the macho image associated with many public houses by some of our young people can be done only if socialisation takes place via the family and school at a much earlier age.

- *The author is Head Teacher of the Garibaldi School, Mansfield.*

Books to help with tests

THE publication yesterday of three books sponsored by *The Times* means that 11-year-olds will have a new revision aid when they face this year's national curriculum tests.

Many primary schools held their own revision classes before last year's tests, but others oppose any incursion into scarce curriculum time. The books will allow parents to step into the breach where necessary, or to reinforce their children's sessions at school.

Produced by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, the body responsible for the tests, the separate books on English, mathematics and science offer advice on revision and examination techniques, as well as sample questions at all levels of difficulty. Unlike rival publications, they contain actual questions from last year's tests.

The three books, which are published by HMSO, will form the basis of a series of articles on this year's tests at ages seven, 11 and 14. The series will appear in *The Times* in March.

Some changes will be *introduced in this year's tests* for 11-year-olds, including the banning of calculators in one mathematics paper. However, the general appearance of the tests and the ground to be covered will alter little. Schools will be notified of the precise differences.

- *The Parents' Guide to National Tests,* published by HMSO, cost £4.95 a subject.

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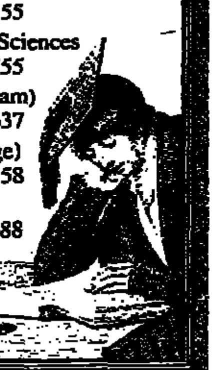

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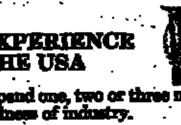

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India offer test of strength

Britain ready for tough start to qualifying quest

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN BARCELONA

DAVID WHITAKER, the Great Britain hockey coach, has the opportunity to show how good his team is when it faces India in the Olympic men's qualifying tournament, which starts at the Real Club de Polo here today.

India are obviously a danger to Britain in the quest for one of the five remaining places in the Olympic Games at Atlanta in July and nobody is more conscious of it than Whitaker. "No doubt, they have recovered their position in world hockey and we are all delighted that they are playing so well," he said of the eight-times Olympic champions, bearing in mind that India defeated Pakistan, the World Cup holders, 5-2 in the South Asian Games Federation final in Madras in December.

"Their style is typically Asian, but they are one of the best sides at punishing the opposition for their mistakes and they have a greater tactical approach and awareness than Pakistan," Whitaker said. "I am sure they are equally worried at having to play us on the first day of the tournament. We lost to them on penalty strokes in the play-off for fifth place at the Champions' Trophy in Berlin [in September], but we had more of the game and I assure you we intend to play more aggressively this time."

That promise was not helped by the last-minute withdrawal from the squad of Russell Garcia, the experienced forward who won a gold medal as part of Britain's triumphant 1988 Olympic side. Garcia has gastroenteritis and is under medical supervision. He will be replaced by Howard Hoskin, of Reading, who flew to Spain last night to complete the 16-man squad.

The top five nations in the eight-team tournament qualify for the Games in Atlanta, where they will join Germany, Pakistan, Argentina, South Africa, South Korea, Australia and the United States.

Holland, with their natural flair and sound tactical sense, are favourites to win the qualifying tournament and will be another difficult obstacle in Britain's path. Spain will also be at their best.

Canada have never beaten Britain. Of the ten matches played between the countries, Britain have won eight and two have been drawn, but Canada are known for their resilience. Among their best efforts in recent months was the third place behind Australia and South Korea in the six nations' tournament in Cagliari, Sardinia, last September. Their results included a 2-1 win over India.

Cedric de Souza, the India coach, is confident of reaching Atlanta. "With the return of Pargat Singh as captain and mainstay of the defence, coupled with the all-round improvement in the side, I think we ought to qualify," he said.

Thompson: marksman

The much-improved Belgians can be a threat to any team. They drew 1-1 with Holland at the European Nations' Cup in Dublin last August and, in the first of two international matches against the Dutch at Cagliari earlier this month, also managed a 2-2 draw, losing 3-1 the next day.

Volker Knapp, Malaysia's German coach, considers that his team has only an outside chance. In his reckoning, India, Holland and Great Britain are certain to qualify, thereby leaving five teams — Spain, Canada, Belgium, Belorussia and Malaysia — to battle for the two remaining vacancies.

Whether Knapp's assessment is right, Whitaker has faith in the team that he has trained for the past three months. "Like the side that won the bronze medal at Los Angeles in 1984, the team we have now has a point to prove," he said. "Apart from qualifying, our aim is to serve notice of better things to come. We are good enough to be among the top four in the world."

The Britain team seemed to have reached peak fitness in the recent 5-1 defeat of Malaysia at Bisham Abbey, when Robert Thompson scored a hat-trick. Guy Fordham, at right half, displayed a maturity far beyond his years, and Danny Hall, as a forward, excelled with stick work and acceleration.

The same line-up seems likely against India.

GREAT BRITAIN: S Mason (Reading); J Wyatt (Reading), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), G Fordham (Hounslow), Kalbir Takher (Cannock), S Hazlitt (Hounslow), C Mayer (Cannock), J Shaw (Southgate), R Thompson (Hounslow), J Laslett (Teddington, captain), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians) Other squad members: D Luckes (East Grinstead), D Hall (Guildford), C Giles (Havant), Soma Singh (Southgate), H Hoskin (Reading).

SCHEDULE

Top five qualify for Olympic Games

TODAY: Malaysia v Belgium; Belorussia v Spain, Holland v Canada; Britain v India.
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JAN 28: Belgium v Britain; India v Malaysia; Belorussia v Canada, Spain v Holland.

Old Moore leaves Puglian red for dead

TONY LARKIN

Moore believes the winners in Paris tomorrow will go on to complete the grand slam

He is small and solid and his body language signals "bulldog, patriot, man": the odds against him "coming out" are similar to those available for Prince Philip.

His face bears the imprint of his occupation: where there were protrusions, they have been smoothed as with a half-sucked lozenge; unlike Prince Philip's eldest son, his ears fit closely to his head which, as in a child's drawing, rises from his shoulders with only just enough room for the collar of a neat blue shirt.

He sat at the top table at Doggett's, the agreeable pub/restaurant on the south side of Blackfriars Bridge, sat behind placards commending Tetleys and Carlsberg and Skol and drank mineral water. He ate, as did we all, an honest meal of home-made soup, well-roasted lamb with redcurrant jelly, mint sauce, roast potatoes and broccoli, then cheese and biscuits. (For those who had forsaken meat, there were mammoth vegeburgers to speed them back to the fold).

FREUD ON FRIDAY

I was thinking about this and that, wondering about the Puglian red and white wines on our table, remembering that it was I who once wrote "No one makes wine for the express purpose of causing grief", when the woman on my left said to the man on my right: "I don't castrate them, but kill them when they are young."

"Do you eat them?"

"Yes I do. Yum."

It transpired that they were talking of Manx sheep, which she breeds as a sideline to providing intelligence for BBC TV sports programmes.

The function in question was the Sports Writers' Association rugby lunch; our prize was Brian Moore, England's most-capped hooker, who had announced his exit from the international game last year, then came back, and has now packed it in again.

Tomorrow, England play France, away, so yesterday, we went to hear old Moore's assessment. Lunch at one, coffee served from Thermos flasks at two, when Trevor Bond, our chairman, thanked us for attending, praised our multitudinousness (we were 25), introduced our guests and explained that we were now in a question and answer situation.

"Do you think we'll win and, if so, why?" a man from a tabloid asked, and our guest thought about this, opined that, if he had to put money on the outcome, he would back France.

For any other result to come about, England would have to make sure that the French had a very unpleasant afternoon; our guest spoke as one who has successfully organised his fair share of Gallic malaise over the years.

The hack sitting across the table from me said: "Kevin Keegan only got one O Level, in Art, and now lives in a tied castle on Sir John Hall's estate." I absent-mindedly poured myself a glass of Puglian red; it was a truly fitting tipple for those restaurants that offer "all the wine you can drink for a fiver".

Now, Moore was speaking about the dearth of national talent in the game. In England, there are no more than 45 men good enough to compete at any sort of international level, and, in the new world of professional rugby — if one or two clubs were to corner the market — there would not be a lot of competition unless we signed players from the southern hemisphere. The trouble is that, in the past five years, everyone but us was preparing for the professional era and, when it arrived, we were caught short.

Moore believes that the old dual-career days are over. Either rugby and pay ... or no pay, be a lawyer or a brickie (Moore is a lawyer) and do it for fun.

The sort of figure that he suggests as sufficient by way of incentive to give up a job and work hard enough at rugby to deserve your pay packet is £100,000. "At that price, every club will have a pro team and the rest of the players will have a good time; if one or two clubs fall by the wayside, that won't be the end of the world," he said.

Tomorrow, Moore will be in Paris as a commentator. He will miss the exhilarating police escort that takes the team coach through the streets, stopping traffic, kicking drivers out of the way, "and there was that good feeling of being in a dressing-room with men on whom you relied for your protection"; otherwise, he is at ease with his situation.

On Carling: he never thought that captains made a huge difference to the overall performance of a team. "If we win, he gets too much credit; if we lose, too much blame."

On Paris crowds: clearly different from the 50,000 interchangeable Barbours at Twickenham; the new players will find it more passionate, more intense.

On the outcome of the five nations' championship this season: If England win in Paris, it will give them huge confidence and, I believe, they will do the lot. If the French win, I fancy them to go all the way. I think Ireland are the best outsiders.

Are we fielding the best possible team? Not without Dean Richards, though the XV has almost picked itself.

On Jack Rowell: "The right man to be given the chance to lead; he stands or falls by the result."

Then back to: "I should have packed it in last year; the great skill is to go when people are still trying for more."

One sympathised ... but Moore, unlike the Puglian wine, has known greatness, and nobody can take that away.

St Helens set sights on McRae as coach

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SEAN McRAE, the assistant coach of the Canberra Raiders, is expected to take over as new coach at St Helens before their match at Halifax on Sunday, even though the rugby league club faces a possible claim for wrongful dismissal by his predecessor.

Eric Hughes, who was in charge for two years until his dismissal on Wednesday, said: "A coach should be judged on results, but that's not happened. We were eighth in the championship when I arrived, fourth last season and are now third — less than a week after reaching the Regal Trophy final."

St Helens suffered more disruption when Scott Gibbs, their Wales international centre, was banned for two matches and fined £150 after being sent off in the Regal Trophy final against Wigan on Saturday. Gibbs will miss the last Stones Championship match plus the Silk Cut Challenge Cup fourth-round tie at Castleford tomorrow week. Indeed, St Helens may have both first-choice centres out this weekend after Paul Newlove suffered a recurrence of a foot injury.

Harvey Howard, the Leeds prop, also suffered a ban — for two games — and was fined £100 for his dismissal for a high tackle in the 28-26 victory against Oldham at Headingley eight days ago.

☐ The inaugural Super League will kick off in Paris this spring when Paris, the newly-formed team, meet Sheffield Eagles on March 29. Wigan play Oldham at Boundary Park the next night. Many of the matches will be shown on Sky Sports.

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Lightning Electrical Contractors (Wiltshire) Limited
16 January 1996

COLMER AND CO (FABRICATION) LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

A meeting of the creditors of Colmer and Co (Fabrication) Limited is to be held at 1.30pm on 31 January 1996 at the Forte Post House Hotel, Herbert Walker Avenue, Southampton, SO15 1HJ under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.

Creditors who have not received notice of the meeting and wish to attend should contact the receivers' office (telephone number 01703 330077) and ask for Ian Booth.

Any creditors requiring a copy of the report (which is available free of charge) should write to D J Bienkarn, Price Waterhouse, The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO14 3QG.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

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Joint Administrative Receiver
Colmer & Co (Fabrication) Limited
16 January 1996

AE NEALE LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

A meeting of the creditors of AE Neale Limited is to be held at 10.00am on 31 January 1996 at the Forte Post House Hotel, Herbert Walker Avenue, Southampton, SO15 1HJ under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors. Creditors who have not received notice of the meeting and wish to attend should contact the receivers' office on 01703 330077 and ask for Ian Booth.

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D J Bienkarn
Joint Administrative Receiver
AE Neale Limited
16 January 1996

The Insolvency Act 1986
CUTPRICE FASHIONS (UK) LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 7th February 1996 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 16th day of January 1996. By Order of the Board
HARVEY LUTON, Director

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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PILGRIM, LAWRENCE WILLIAM of SANDSTONES, 18 CHURCH HILL, CAMBERLEY, SURREY GU15 2HA died on 26TH SEPTEMBER 1995 particulars to WITHERS Solicitors of 12 GOUGH SQUARE, LONDON EC4A 3DE (Ref: RJP/RJC/DJP) before 21ST MARCH 1996

PURCELL, HENRY BEAUFOY of 80 COLEHERNE COURT, LONDON SW5 died on 8TH SEPTEMBER 1995 particulars to DIXON WARD Solicitors of 16 THE GREEN, RICHMOND, SURREY TW9 1QD before 21ST MARCH 1996

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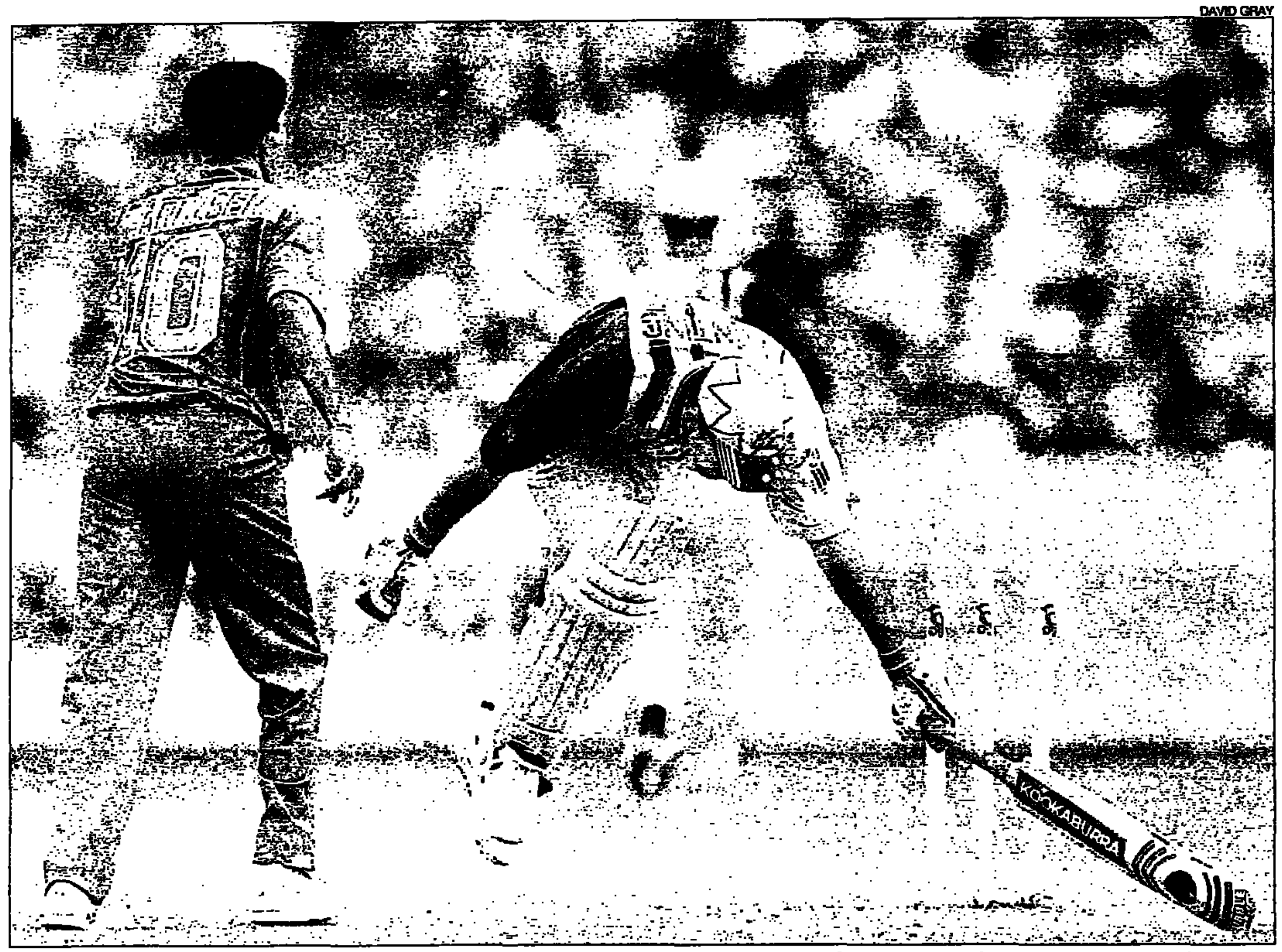
Spinner helps shaky Australia to clinch first World Series Cup final

Warne's wiles undermine Sri Lanka

By Our Sports Staff


DAVID GRAY

The bails fly as Ponting narrowly fails to make his ground and is run out for 51 during the Australia innings at the MCG yesterday

AUSTRALIA squeezed to an 18-run victory over Sri Lanka yesterday after the touring party suffered a middle-order batting collapse in the opening match of the best-of-three final of the World Series limited-overs cricket tournament in Melbourne.

Sri Lanka were cruising at 107 for two in the 24th over, chasing Australia's total of 201 for seven, but then lost seven wickets for 45. The decisive intervention was made by Shane Warne, the leg spinner, who slowed the scoring rate before taking the vital wickets of Aravinda De Silva, who had scored 34, and Hashan Tillekeratne for one.

The Sri Lanka batsmen suddenly found themselves under pressure, conceding the initiative to the Australia bowlers. As the scoring rate slowed to a trickle, McDermott began reaping the rewards from the other end, luring Asanka Gurusinha into a rash shot with his score on 47.

Attempting to lift the ball into the outfield, Gurusinha merely chipped the ball straight to Michael Bevan at mid-wicket. Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka captain, fought to the end, adding 33 runs for the last wicket with Ravindra Pushpakumara, the fast bowler, before being bowled by McGrath with 11 balls remaining.

Bevan and Ricky Ponting earlier rescued Australia by hitting determined half-centuries after a top-order collapse had left the home side reeling on 39 for four.

Chaminda Vaas, the left-arm fast-medium bowler, took 3-42 after an inspired opening spell in which he dismissed Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, and Mark Waugh, his opening partner, in his first three overs.

Ponting, who scored 51 off 74 balls, combined with Bevan, who made the top score of 59, in putting on 61 for the fifth wicket. Bevan, the Yorkshire vice-captain, then put on 55 with Ian Healy, who finished on 50 not out, to ensure Australia reached a respectable total. It needed a brilliant diving catch in the 42nd over by Mahanama at long-on to end Bevan's assault.

The second match in the series will be played in Sydney tomorrow.

While the drama was unfolding under the lights at the MCG, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) was telling its players that it would not penalise them if they pulled out of the World Cup after being the target of threatening letters.

Denis Rogers, the ACB chairman, and Graham Halbish, the chief executive, went to India and Sri Lanka last week to seek security guarantees. Halbish said: "Personal safety is a genuine concern. The assurances we have been given do help but they might not be entirely sufficient for some. We are all hoping it will not come to that and are doing our best in regard with some excellent help from overseas.

"If any individual chose not to accept the ACB's invitation then that decision would not, in any way, prejudice his future in Australian cricket."

Australia open their World Cup programme in Colombo against Sri Lanka on February 17, and can expect further hostility over the treatment of Muttiah Muralitharan, the off spinner, who has been called several times for throwing during the present tour in Australia.

Although Australia's remaining group matches are in India, they may then have to play in Pakistan in the knock-out stages. Pakistan's visit to Australia late last year was clouded by allegations of bribery made by Warne, Mark Waugh and Tim May after the Australia tour there in 1994.

Rules deprive Rusedski of British No 1 spot

Henman: progress

By Our Sports Staff

THE Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) named Tim Henman as Great Britain's new No 1 men's tennis player yesterday, but it did so with a degree of embarrassment. Henman has made great strides in the past 12 months, raising his world ranking from near the 200 mark to his present place at No 90, but Greg Rusedski, 57 places above him in the world list, is the national No 1 in everything but name.

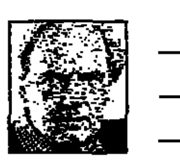
Henman, 21, from Oxford, owes his elevated position not only to a year of consistent improvement, but also to the fact that Rusedski has been eligible to play for Britain only since last May, when the Canadian-born left-hander changed his national allegiance. Under LTA rules, no player can receive a domestic ranking unless he or she has been eligible to play for their country for the past 12 months — a rule that is now under review. In addition, the British rankings, based on the world list, are announced only annually, each January, while the world standings are changed week by week, often leaving the British rankings hopelessly out of date within two or three months.

As a result, Rusedski, who played for Britain in the Davis Cup and the European men's team championship last year and is at No 33 in the world rankings, is not named, leaving Chris Wilkinson, of Southampton, Jeremy Bates, of Surrey — the No 1 last year — and Mark Petchey, of Essex, snapping at Henman's heels.

Clare Wood, of Brighton, remains as the top British woman's player, with three youngsters — Lizzie Jelfs, of Banbury, Karen Cross, of Exeter, and Megan Miller, of Yorkshire — at Nos 2, 3 and 4 respectively. Jo Durie, though offically retired, is at No 5.

RANKINGS (1995 position in brackets): Men: 1, T Henman (3, Oxfordshire), 2, C Wilkinson (4, Hampshire and IoW), 3, J Bates (1, Surrey); 4, M Petchey (2, Essex), 5, M Maclagan (10, West of Scotland); 6, D Sapsford (9, Surrey); 7, C Beecher (13, Kent), 8, B Cowan (12, Lancashire); 9, A Foster (8, Staffordshire), 10, L Milligan (—, Middlesex) Women: 1, C Wood (1, Sussex); 2, E Jelfs (—, Oxfordshire); 3, K Cross (5, Devon), 4, M Miller (—, Yorkshire), 5, J Durie (8, Avon); 6, S Smith (—, Essex); 7, R Viollet (—, Lancashire); 8, A Wainwright (9, Essex), 9, J Moore (11, Warwickshire), 10, L Ahl (4, Devon)

Screaming out for different line of approach



Brian Clarke is left reeling by the inability of television to communicate angling's appeal

I see that *Screaming Reels* is back on television. Well, I say "see", but that is an overstatement. I only know for certain that horizontal stripes of it are on the box. Whenever I switch this programme on, great swaths of the screen are blacked out by the fingers I have clapped over my eyes.

For anyone who takes their fishing remotely seriously or is concerned for the way angling is presented to the public, *Screaming Reels*, which goes out on Channel 4 on Mondays, is a nail-biting view. One never knows — one lives in dread of — what might pop up next.

There have been interesting pieces from time to time, of course, but every week there is the rest: the frenetic presentation, the animation, the gimmicks, the ruinous depiction and treatment of fish.

If *Screaming Reels* is made by boys behaving badly, at least it is made with its tongue visibly in its cheek. Much televised angling — including most of what has gone out on the satellite channels — is not.

Non-anglers tell me that most of what they see is incomprehensible: all jargon and verbal shorthand, with squirmy things being shown at the same time in the background. Even the obvious enthusiasm of the participants fails to interest before the programme is switched off. In the meantime, fishermen complain that their sport is sidelined by television and reduced, in the main, to low-budget level.

Why is it that television producers so often present the sport garishly, or feel they need to surround it with gimmickry, or to have pop-up personalities from other fields present it simply because they happen to be anglers, too?

It must be obvious that, if angling is the most popular outdoor participant sport in Europe, the United States and Japan, there are things about it that have an extraordinarily wide appeal. It must be obvious that, if angling engages the minds of famous and accomplished men for generation upon generation and can induce Sir Robert Boyle, of Boyle's Law, Sir Humphrey Davy, of the miner's lamp, and Charles Kingsley, of *The Water Babies*, among many others to write books about the sport or homages to it, it must have great depth.

And still it needs gimmicks? The problem, I believe, is that, with very few exceptions, television fails to get to grips with the issue which angling's very popularity raises. That is, it fails to explore adequately what the appeal is. Unless that can be communicated, the lay viewer has no context in which to place what he sees and hears, and bemusement and disaffection result. Then the biggest outdoor sport of them all reconfirms its ghetto status.

Any attempt to televise angling would have a better chance if it made the search for this appeal its central objective. The obvious way to begin doing that would be to let anglers talk.

Not, of course, any anglers who happen to be on the bank. Nor a personality, if he is simply going through a performance. And not a brilliant angler if all he can do is fish. The answer is to use anglers chosen for their ability to express what they see and feel, in language that non-anglers can understand.

In other words, the sport needs articulating from the inside looking out and not, as so often seems the case, from the outside looking in. Then, viewers would hear about the fascination of the other world of water: about the natural histories of remarkable fish; about optics and entomology. They would hear about fieldcraft and watercraft, about currents and tides, about temperatures and seasons.

They would learn about tension and drama, dedication and obsession; about locked-on concentration and the stressed mind floating free. Beyond all of these, there would be insight into modern man as early man and grown man as boy.

Of course, they would hear about the different branches of angling, the specialisations within it, the approaches to it. They would learn about rods and tackle, and the amazing subtleties of technique.

These are the what and the how of fishing. By then, they would understand the why. What a change it would be and what a difference it could make. The viewers might even understand.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA) Atlanta 102 Indiana 93; New Jersey 97 Charlotte 93, Miami 96 Washington 89, Milwaukee 111 Philadelphia 100 Minnesota 98 Golden State 88, Orlando 113 Phoenix 95; Houston 120 Denver 112, New York 92 LA Clippers 81

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham 86 Leopards 64

NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-finals, Thames Valley 66 (Holley, Cole 18) London Towers 77 (Bucknall 21, Windless 18) Sheffield 87 (Huggins 17, Cauthorn 16, Finch 15) Manchester 78 (Robinson 27, Moore 18)

BOWLS

SOUTH FOREST: English Women's Indoor Bowling Association international trial Reds bt Yellows 95-65 Rink scores (Reds skips first). N Shaw 34 B Alderson 9, W Line 16 M Price 16; M Steele 16 W Adams 17, I Molyneux 29 D Hankin 23)

CRICKET

One-day international

Australia v Sri Lanka

MELBOURNE (Sri Lanka won toss) Australia beat Sri Lanka by 18 runs

AUSTRALIA

*M A Taylor c Kaluwitharana b Vaas	0
M E Waugh b Vaas	4
R T Ponting run out	51
S R Waugh c Gurusinha b Wickremasinghe	13
S G Law c Kaluwitharana b Pushpakumara	0
M G Bevan c Mahanama b Pushpakumara	59
†I A Healy not out	50
P R Reiffel b Vaas	15
S K Warne not out	3
Extras (w 2, lb 3, nb 1)	6
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	201

C J McDermott and G D McGrath did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-9, 3-39, 4-39, 5-100, 6-155, 7-192.

BOWLING. Vaas 10-1-42-3, Pushpakumara 10-1-34-2, Wickremasinghe 6-0-30-1, Dharmasena 10-1-31-0 de Silva 5-0-24-0 (w2 nb1), S Jayasuriya 7-0-37-0

SRI LANKA

S T Jayasuriya c S Waugh b McGrath	19
†R S Kaluwitharana lbw b McGrath	13
A P Gurusinha c Bevan b McDermott	47
P A de Silva c Taylor b Warne	34
H P Tillekaratne c Healy b Warne	1
R S Mahanama b M Waugh	16
*A Ranatunga b McGrath	31
H D P K Dharmasena b McDermott	4
W P U J C Vaas c Healy b McDermott	2
G P Wickremasinghe c Taylor b Reiffel	0
K R Pushpakumara not out	8
Extras (w 2, lb 5, nb 1)	8
Total (48.1 overs)	183

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-46, 3-107, 4-110, 5-120, 6-129, 7-131, 8-132, 9-152

BOWLING: McGrath 9.1-0-28-3, Reiffel 10-2-44-1, M Waugh 6-0-23-1, McDermott *10-1-41-3(1nb), Warne 10-1-29-2 (2w), Law* 3-0-13-0

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FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

FA CUP: Third round replays: Manchester City 5 Leicester 0 Newcastle 2 Chelsea 2 (aet, 2-2 at 90min; Chelsea win 4-2 on pens) Nottingham Forest 2 Stoke 0; Sheffield United 1 Arsenal 0, Stockport 2 Everton 3, Tottenham Hotspur 5 Hereford 1, Wimbledon 1 Watford 0; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 Birmingham 1.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division. Hearts 1 Celtic 2 Second division. East Fife 0 Stirling 3 Third division: Livingston 0 Caledonian Thistle 2

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final: Genoa 0 Salernitana 0 (aet, Genoa won 6-5 on pens)

ICIS LEAGUE. Premier division: Molesey 0 Sutton United 5

FA VASE: Fourth round replay: Selby 1 Trafford 1 (aet, 1-1 after 90min).

LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale 3 Ton Pentre 0 Porthmadog 0 Rhyl 0

IRISH LEAGUE: Coca-Cola Cup: First round, first leg: Newry 2 Glentoran 2, Larne 0 Ards 3

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Cork 2 Sligo 1

SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Quarter-final: Cliftonville 1 Ballymena 0

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 2 Bristol City 1, Charlton 2 West Ham 0 Ipswich 2 Crystal Palace 2. Norwich 2 QPR 1. Southampton 0 Tottenham 1. Wimbledon 2 Chelsea 0. Bristol *Rovers 1 Millwall 0 Abandoned: Oxford* United 0 Portsmouth 1 (fog) Second division: Cardiff 1 Bath 1; Newport 2 Torquay 0, Swansea 1 Plymouth 1

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United 2 Liverpool 1, Tranmere 2 Oldham 1, West Bromwich 2 Bolton 4 Second division: Grimsby 1 Port Vale 1, Huddersfield 1 Hull 0 Sunderland 2 Blackpool 1. York 1 Aston Villa 2 Third division: Carlisle 2 Bury 1 Chester 1 Wigan 5; Rochdale 3 Darlington 1, Walsall 0 Chesterfield 1, Wrexham 1 Scarborough 0

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: *Backwell 3 Elmore 0*

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Eastleigh 2 Bemerton Heath 0

FRENCH LEAGUE CUP: Monaco 2 Auxerre 0

SPANISH CUP: Fourth round, second leg. Real Zaragoza 0 Athletic Bilbao 1 (agg 3-3, Zaragoza win on away goals) Sporting Gijón 0 Numancia 0 (agg 1-2), Compostela 0 Seville 1 (agg 1-3), Barcelona 4 Hercules 1 (agg 1-4) Valencia 3 Celta Vigo 0 (agg 1-4), Tenerife 2 Deportivo La Coruña 1 (agg 3-2)

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Porto 2 Gil Vicente 0

ITALIAN SUPER CUP: Juventus 1 Parma 0

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Midland Counties Under-15: Staffordshire 0 Warwickshire 1 FA Premier League under-19 Trophy: Essex 4 Bedfordshire 1, Humberside 3 Leicestershire 0. Under-16 Trophy: Humberside 3, Leicestershire 1 English Schools Snickers under-19 Trophy: Luton Coll 6 Ernulf St Neots 2. St Mary's Coll, Middlesbrough 1 York Coast College, Scarborough 1 (aet); Monkseaton Comprehensive, Whitley Bay 2 Derwentside Coll, Consett 0 English Goodyear under-16 Trophy: St *Theodore's RC Lancashire 2 Burnage High* School, Greater Manchester 3. Netherhall, Cambridge 3 Campion School, Northants 2 (aet). St Francis Xavier, Merseyside 4 St Chads RC, Cheshire 2 (aet)

GOLF

PALM DESERT, California: Bob Hope Classic: First round (US unless stated): 66: M Brooks, B Kamm 67: M Calcavecchia, J D Blake, D Hammond 68: J Haas, L Rinker, T Kite, F Allem (SA), M Springer. Others: 70, N Ozaki (Japan). 72: A Lyle (GB), G Waite (NZ).

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cambridge University 2 East Anglians 5, London University 1 Oxford University 3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo 0 Pittsburgh 1, Detroit 3 Colorado 2; NY Islanders 3 Hartford 6, Ottawa 0 Montreal 3. Tampa Bay 6 San Jose 4; Toronto 2 Winnipeg 4, Chicago 2 Washington 3, *Dallas 3 Edmonton 4, Anaheim 1 Calgary 4*

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cambridge University 50 RAF 24; Royal Navy 16 Oxford University 12

CLUB MATCH: Ayr 13 Biggar 24

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES CHAMPIONSHIP: Oldham 30 *Warrington 19, St Helens 48 London* Broncos 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	18	16	0	2	740	272	32
Leeds	19	14	0	5	532	371	28
St Helens	19	12	0	7	708	476	24
Halifax	19	11	1	7	424	439	23
Sheffield	18	10	0	8	442	466	20
Castleford	19	8	1	10	398	522	17
Bradford	19	7	0	12	404	472	14
Warrington	20	7	0	13	443	514	14
London Bron	19	7	0	12	422	535	14
Oldham	19	7	0	12	356	519	14
Workington	19	4	0	15	313	598	8

SECOND DIVISION: Barrow 23 Chorley 21, Hunslet 24 Bramley 16, Leigh 33 Carlisle 22.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull K R	19	17	0	2	686	225	34
Leigh	19	15	0	4	554	329	30
Hunslet	19	13	0	6	432	315	26
Carlisle	19	12	0	7	578	285	24
Swinton	19	12	0	7	497	309	24
York	20	10	1	9	442	415	21
Bramley	19	9	1	9	394	396	19
Chorley	19	5	1	13	318	550	11
Barrow	19	5	0	14	325	472	10
Doncaster	19	5	0	14	332	639	10
Highfield	*19*	*0*	*1*	*18*	*249*	*882*	*1*

SNOOKER

GUANGZHOU, China: Guangzhou Masters: Semi-finals: T Drago (Malta) bt P Ebdon (Eng) 6-3, S Davis (Eng) bt Guo Hua (China) 6-1 Final: Drago bt Davis 6-2.

BLACKPOOL: Embassy world championship: Sixth qualifying round (Eng unless stated) S O'Connor (Ire) bt S Beggiato 10-5 A Meo bt D Limburg 10-4, P Hunter bt R Hull (Fin) 10-6, S Archer bt S Lanigan 10-4 J Grech (Malta) bt P Wykes 10-5, N Dyson bt A Atkinson 10-1, J Read bt M Macleod (Scot) 10-5, L Richardson bt M Roughan 10-4, A Rosa bt G Peters (Wales) 10-6, S Judd bt P Dawson 10-4, M O'Neill (N Ire) bt S Reardon 10-5 O King bt M Gauvreau (Bel) 10-1, P Lines bt A Burden 10-5, N Walker bt J Delaney (Ire) 10-9, N Noppachorn (Thai) bt M Fenton (Wales) 10-7, J Chambers bt B Jones 10-6, A Cairns bt G Chilcott (Wales) 10-6, B L Orange (Nor) bt K Owers 10-7, D McLellan (Scot) bt D McDonnell 10-9 P Davison bt D Leary (N Ire) 10-7, M Wilson bt B Rowswell 10-7, J Woodman bt S Macfarlane (Scot) 10-6

SQUASH

SUPER LEAGUE: ICL Lion Herts 3 Cannons Club 0 (Lion names first, D Harris bt P Nicol 15-9, 15-17, 17-14, 15-13 C Walker bt J Bonetat 15-12, 10-15, 15-12, 17-14; M Chaloner bt J Rennie 15-13, 15-11, 15-9)

	P	W	L	Pts
ICL Lion Herts	4	4	0	10
Cannons Club	5	4	1	9
Ogmore Valley	5	3	2	8
Northern	5	1	4	7
Lingfield	5	0	5	3

TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Australian Open

MEN: Singles: Second round: T Enqvist (Swe) bt A Voinea (Rom) 6-4, 6-4, 6-1; M Woodforde (Aus) bt M Sinner (Ger) 6-4, 6-1, 6-4, R Furlan (It) bt A Costa (Sp) 1-6, 7-6, 6-1, 6-3, M Philippoussis (Aus) bt E Ran (Isr) 2-6 6-4, 6-3, 6-2, M Tebbutt (Aus) bt P Tramacchi (Aus) 6-3, 6-4, 7-5, J Siemerink (Holl) bt D Nargiso (It) 1-6, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6, 6-1. B Steven (NZ) bt B Macphie (US) 6-1, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4, F Clavet (Sp) bt F de Wulf (Bel) 2-6, 7-5 6-3, 6-2, M Hadad (Col) bt P Rafter (Aus) 7-6, 6-4, 2-2 ret. M Washington (US) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-4, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt A Corretja (Sp) 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, P Sampras (US) bt M Joyce (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 M Larsson (Swe) bt B Black (Zim) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, B Becker (Ger) bt T Johansson (Swe) 4-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4, H Gumy (Arg) bt D Wheaton (US) 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, 7-5, G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt S Lareau (Can) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 Doubles: First round: R Bergh and D Ekerot (Swe) bt H Denman and M Draper (Aus) 6-4, 6-2, M Knowles (Bah) and D Nestor (Can) bt G Doyle and B Ellwood (Aus) 6-4 3-6, 6-3 J Holmes and T Larkham (Aus) bt T Henman and A Richardson (GB) 6-3, 7-5, J Apell and J Bjorkman (Swe) bt P Nyborg and M Tillstrom (Swe) 6-7, 6-3, 11-9. P McEnroe (US) and S Stolle (Aus) bt N Borwick and A Painter (Aus) 6-1, 7-6, S Draper and J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt C Ferreira (SA) and A Kitinov (Mac) 6-4, 6-4, M Keil and J Tarango (US) bt L Bale and B Haygarth (SA) 6-3, 6-4, C Brandi (It) and M Ondruska (SA) bt D Johnson and K Thorne (US) 6-3, 4-6, 9-7, R Gilbert and G Raoux (Fr) bt L Jensen and M Jensen (US) 6-4, 7-6 S Edberg (Swe) and P Korda (Cz) bt V Flegl (Cz) and D Norman (Bel) 6-2, 6-2, J Frana (Arg) and N Pereira (Ven) bt M Lucena and B MacPhie (US) 6-1, 6-3, T Ho (US) and B Steven (NZ) bt A Gaudenzi and D Nargiso (It) 6-4, 6-1; M Damm (Cz) and J Grabb (US) bt V Spadea (US) and C Van Rensburg (SA) 7-6, 6-7, 6-3. J Eagle and A Florent (Aus) bt T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) 6-2, 5-7, 10-8; G Forget (Fr) and J Hlasek (Switz) bt S Davis and D Pate (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4

WOMEN: Singles: Second round: M Endo (Japan) bt K Date (Japan) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4, B Schett (Austria) bt P Sung-Hee (S Kor) 6-4, 6-3 N Dahlman (Fin) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-4 6-3, B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt Shi-*Ting Wang (Taiwan) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, L Richterova* (Cz) bt O Randrianiefy (Mad) 7-6, 4-6, 7-5, E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt M Pierce (Fr) 6-4, 6-4 M Hingis (Switz) bt B Paulus (Austria) 6-1, 6-4, A Huber (Ger) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-1, 6-2, R Grande (It) bt S Meier (Ger) 6-4 7-6, L Davenport (US) bt R Stubbs (Aus) 7-6, 6-3 A Coetzer (SA) bt S Hack (Ger) 6-1, 6-1 K Boogert (Holl) bt N Feber (Bel) 6-2, 1-6, 6-3, F Hirano (Japan) bt L Porun (US) 6-3 4-6 6-2, H Sukova (Cz) bt M Grzybowska (Pol) 7-6, 4-6, 8-6, J Kandarr (Ger) bt Y Kamio (Japan) 7-6, 6-3, C Martinez (Sp) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-2, 6-4. Doubles: First round: E Melicharova and H Vildova (Cz) bt M Mroz *(Pol) and J Watanabe (US) 6-3, 6-2* C Barclay and J Byrne (Aus) bt T Krizan (Slovenia) and R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-1, 7-6, M Lindstrom and M Strandlund (Swe) bt K de Weille and S Noorlander (Holl) 6-4 6-3; I Spirlea (Rom) and L Harvey-Wild (US) bt R Bobkova and P Langrova (Cz) 6-3, 6-1; V Csurgo (Hun) and N Kijimuta (Japan) bt A Fusai (Fr) and K Habsudova (Slovakia) 6-4, 6-4 S Appelmans (Bel) and M Oremans (Holl) bt S Cacic (US) and C Papadaki (Gr) 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 R McQuillan (Aus) and C Porwik (Ger) bt I Demongeot (Fr) and L Pleming (Aus) 6-2 6-1 N Arendt (US) and M Bollegraf (Holl) bt M Paz (Arg) and R Simpson (Can) 6-2, 6-3, C Rubin (US) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt S Drake Brockmen and J Taylor (Aus) 6-4, 6-4, A Dechaume-Balleret and S Testud (Fr) bt L McShea and T Musgrave (Aus) 6-3 6-2 P Schwarz (Austria) and K Studenikova (Slovakia) bt E Likhovtseva (Russ) and H Nagano (Japan) 6-3, 6-2, L Davenport and M J Fernandez (US) bt M Muric (Cro) and D Van Roost (Bel) 6-1, 6-0, L Raymond (US) and G Sabatini (Arg) bt A Grossman and T Whitlinger Jones (US) 6-2, 6-0 K Kschwendt and A Huber (Ger) bt S Farina and L Golarsa (It) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, N Miyagi (Japan) and S Reeve bt L McNeil (US) and H Sukova (Cz) 2-6, 7-6, 6-3

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

I gave a hand yesterday on which it was not right for the declarer to draw trumps, despite holding ten of them between the two *hands. The refresher today is on the same theme.*

Dealer South	Love all	Rubber bridge

♠ 3 2
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ Q 10 9 7 3
♣ J 10

West		East
♠ K J 10 9 7 4 ♥ — ♦ A 8 6 5 ♣ K Q 8	N W E S	♠ 8 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ K J 4 2 ♣ 9 6 5 4 2

♠ A Q 6 5
♥ A Q 8 7 5 2
♦ —
♣ A 7 3

S	W	N	E
1 H	1 S	2 H	Pass
4 H	All Pass		

Contract: Four Hearts by South — Lead: King of clubs

This hand occurred in the £1 partnership at TGR's. Declarer took the first club and returned another one. West won and continued with a third club. Declarer ruffed in dummy and led the jack of hearts. When East played low, the contract could no longer be made — if declarer draws trumps, she loses three spade tricks; if she tries for spade ruffs, East overruffs the third and fourth rounds.

I was asked my views as to what is the right play. As so often, the solution is easy if you count your tricks. Here, declarer should recognise that, in addition to the club ruff, she needs two spade ruffs in dummy. If, in the process of taking the third-round spade ruff, the jack of hearts is overruffed, the fourth round of spades can be ruffed with the ten of hearts. In that case, declarer emerges with ace of spades, one winning spade ruff, six hearts in hand, and ace of clubs and club ruff. All that is necessary is for the declarer to play ace and another spade after taking the club ruff. Even though she has ten trumps between the hands, it is not right to start drawing them.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Gausdal results

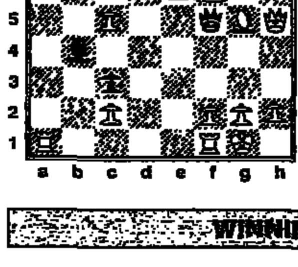
The annual tournament at Gausdal, in Norway, resulted in a win for Ian Rogers, the Australian grandmaster, repeating his victory of last year. Rogers scored seven out of nine, half a point ahead of Margeir Petursson, of Iceland. A substantial British contingent produced a selection of attractive miniature games. Here are two of them.

White: Byron Jacobs
Black: David Anderton
Gausdal, January 1996

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e5	c5
5	Nf3	Nc6
6	dxc5	Nge7
7	Bd3	d4
8	a3	Ba5
9	b4	Nxb4
10	axb4	Bxb4
11	0-0	dxc3
12	Ng5	Nf5
13	Ne4	0-0
14	Bg5	Qc7
15	Nf6+	Kh8
16	Qh5	h6
17	Bxf5	Qxe5
18	Bxh6	Qxf5
19	Bg5+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



White: Chris Ward
Black: Chris Duncan
Gausdal, January 1996

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1	d4	d5
2	c4	dxc4
3	Nf3	Nf6
4	Nc3	c5
5	d5	e6
6	e4	exd5
7	e5	Nfd7
8	Bg5	Be7
9	Bxe7	Qxe7
10	Nxd5	Qd8
11	Qc2	Nxe5
12	Qe4	Be6
13	Qxe5	Qxd5
14	Qxg7	Rf8
15	Rd1	Qe4+
16	Be2	Nc6
17	Ng5	Qg6
18	Nxe6	Qxe6
19	0-0	Qg6
20	Qc3	Nd4
21	Qe3+	Kd7
22	Bxc4	Kc7
23	Qe7+	Kc6
24	b4	Black resigns

Times chess book

Improve your game with Ray Keene's book, *The Times Winning Chess*, published by Batsford at £9.99 (credit card orders may be made to 01376 327901).

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CRONK
a. A raven's cry
b. A compulsive head-butter
c. A Norwegian dance-step

CAPON
a. A goaty smell
b. To castrate
c. A cap-maker

CHELA
a. A Buddhist novice
b. A flagon, or similar vessel
c. A childlike quality

CONJEE
a. A type of role-play
b. To come together
c. Rice water

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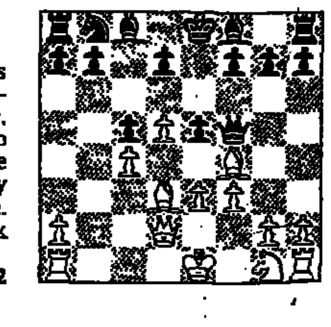
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



White to move. This position is from the game Hodgson — Chandler, Hastings Premier, 1991. White has just tried to gain time by attacking the black queen, but Black's reply exposed this as a fatal mistake. Can you see how Black continued?

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Collier Bay to relish testing conditions in Irish Champion Hurdle

Hint of optimism changes Old routine

By Richard Evans, Racing Journalist of the Year

IF JIM OLD scooped the lottery, his unparalleled ability to fear the worst would soon convince him the winning cheque might bounce. No racehorse trainer around, not even the lugubrious Tim Forster, can match a pessimism which borders on the masochistic. "It is not in my nature to be bullish; I can only see hidden dangers, which come and smack me in the face," he admitted yesterday.

As he mulled over the prospects of Collier Bay collecting the AIG (Europe) Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Sunday, the demons were soon at work. "I just hope the fog doesn't stop us: that is the big worry now. We are committed to flying out of Bristol at 8am on Sunday. Let's hope we don't get fogged off."

Yet, for all the foreboding, doom and gloom, it is possible to detect a hint of optimism from this most likeable man as he prepares to set forth across the Irish Sea from his Wroughton yard overlooking the Marlborough Downs — optimism that can only be boosted by the confirmation yesterday that Jamie Osborne will ride.

Say it quietly, but the trainer, whose sense of fashion is shared only by scarecrows, is daring to think that Collier Bay can give Montelado, Danoli and company a thoroughly good thrashing — not that he would dream of saying so.

Collier Bay started life with John Gosden in Newmarket. How he must have hated those unforgiving gallops, his legs and hooves pounding away on ground which was far too firm for his liking. Even so, he still managed a Flat victory at Salisbury before changing hands for 45,000 guineas and joining Old.

After one sighter over hurdles at Sandown, he travelled to Lingfield almost two years ago when the ground approached a muddy morass. For the first time in his life, Collier Bay had conditions ideally in his favour and duly sluiced up in a remarkably fast time, beating one of Martin Pipe's Triumph Hurdle hopes, General Mouktar, out of sight. The die had been cast.

Last March, on heavy ground at Sandown, he repeated the trick when winning the normally competitive Imperial Cup at Sandown by 11 lengths. Four days later, he finished a good fourth in the Coral Cup, a handicap hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival over an extended 2½ miles, having had every chance two out.

And so to Sandown earlier this month for the Bonusprint Limited Handicap Hurdle, where he was 18lb out of the handicap and, theoretically, had little chance. Old knew his six-year-old had improved dramatically during the summer and dared to utter the words 'Champion Hurdle' to friends — before the doubts set in.

"I could not wait to run him. Then two races came and went because of the frost and we were forced into the situation of going to Sandown. By then the weather had forced us to miss ten days and we had three days to get him ready," Old continued.

"In his last piece of work, Mole Board skipped past and left him 20 lengths behind. Collier Bay was huffing and puffing and struggling and I wondered if he had gone off the boil because he always needs a tremendous amount of work."

Come the day, and with Old not knowing what to expect, the going at the Esher course was nearer heavy than the official good to soft, with soft patches. At 25-1, he was arguably the biggest steal of the season and powered away from some solid opponents up the Sandown hill.

Barring a sudden heatwave, conditions should again be in his favour at Leopardstown on Sunday and the 12-1 that was briefly on offer has long since disappeared. "He's a big, powerful horse with a tremendous cruising speed. He jumps like a stag, given the right ground conditions," Old said.

So can he win? Old responds: "You can say I am looking forward to it and I have never looked forward to anything. Experience has taught me never to look forward to a day's racing because something always appears and clobbers me where it hurts."

Old may not win the lottery — but I expect him to hit the jackpot in Ireland on Sunday.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Take The Buckskin
(3.00 Kempton Park)
Next best: Sovereigns Parade
(1.30 Kempton Park)

Thunderer was in sparkling form yesterday. He selected Dress Dance (20-1), All Clear (7-1) and Garrylough (11-2) at Taunton. He was also on the mark at Lingfield with Random (14-1) and his four Ludlow winners included Master Tribe (3-1) and Newhall Prince (9-4)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Old is looking forward to Collier Bay's challenge at Leopardstown on Sunday

Taunton double takes Pipe to another century

MARTIN PIPE, the West Country trainer who has a habit of breaking records, reached 100 winners for the tenth consecutive season at Taunton yesterday.

The Nicholashayne trainer saddled All Clear to win the Yarcombe Novices' Handicap Hurdle. He was completing a double for the Pipe team, who had collected earlier with Chaprassi in the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle.

However, after All Clear's victory his rider, David Bridgwater, received a four-day suspension (January 27 to 31) for using his whip with unreasonable frequency.

Chaprassi, making his hurdling debut after two bumper victories, had the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle under control when his closest pursuer, the highly-regarded Mister Morose, departed two out. "He's seven-year-old now and has had a few problems, but is a nice horse," Pipe said.

Pipe has already reached a notable landmark this season, having trained his 2,000th winner when Runaway Pete won the William Hill Diamond Jubilee Handicap at Exeter in September.

Pipe has trained more than 200 winners on four occasions, in the seasons 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92.

Another trainer celebrating was the Wantage-based David Gandolfo, who sent out his 800th winner when Garrylough held off Coolree by a length in the Bickenhall Novices' Handicap Chase.

"We decided on different tactics with her this time as I told Mark Dwyer to keep her closer up with the pace and it seems to have worked," said Gandolfo, who was ending a barren spell of almost seven weeks.

John Manners wore a wide smile after Killeshin landed the Stephen Little and Dick Reynolds Bookmakers Handicap Chase.

The ten-year-old jumped past the leader, Vicompt De Valmont, six out before gaining a three-length victory over that rival in the 4¼-mile stamina test.

"I've got my best gear on as I thought he'd win, but I've forgotten my false teeth, so don't ask me many questions," Manners said. "I ride him all the time at home, rounding up cows and I love him. There will be some celebrating tonight," the trainer added.

Manners considered Killeshin had a solid chance as he had been runner-up to last week's Warwick winner, Full Of Oats, on his most recent outing and now intends to aim the gelding at the Grand National, where he will earn a £50,000 bonus if successful.

Manners said: "I'll give him one more run before the National, but I don't know where." Killeshin was winning for the first time since lifting the Foxhunters' Chase at Aintree in 1994.

Tom Dascombe was banned for two days (January 27 and 29) for his use of the whip on He's A King, who was beaten a short head by Hightown Cavalier in the Levy Board January Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle.

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

1.00 **RIVER NORTH** (nap)
1.30 Ocean Hawk
2.00 Flow
2.30 Time Won't Wait
3.00 Great Easeby
3.30 Clever Shepherd
4.00 Just N'Ace

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 **CAILIN GLAS.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 **DOMAPPEL** (nap).
2.30 Peaceman.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.00 EXTRA DAYLIGHT NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £2,918: 2m) (14 runners)

101	15	KARSHI 50 (D,G) (Lord Vestey) Miss H Knight 6-11-4	J Osborne	79
102	111-F2P	ROBERT'S TOY 105 (D,F,G) (C Smith) M Pipe 5-11-4	D Bridgwater	93
103		ARCTIC THUNDER 125F (Merthyr Motor Auctions) Lady Herries 5-10-12	E Murphy	–
104	45	ART TATUM 50 (A Merrill) Mrs M McCourt 5-10-12	G McCourt	75
105		BLUNDSEN BOY (C Waters) J Gifford 6-10-12	P Hide	–
106	P-	CLOCK WATCHERS 368 (W Shere) J Bridger 8-10-12	W McFarland	–
107		DOODIES POOL 60F (S Edwards) P Burgoyne 6-10-12	I Lawrence	–
108		FOIL STONE 519F (Howard De Walden) Mrs J Cecil 5-10-12	T Kent	–
109	00	HYLTERS CHANCE 14 (Mrs K Vann) P Hobbs 5-10-12	G Tormey (3)	–
110	4P4-4	LORD WELLINGTON 175 (Mrs T McCoubrey) J Jenkins 5-10-12	S Fox (5)	50
111	P-6	NEW ALBION 50 (Barrow Boys) N Henderson 5-10-12	M A Fitzgerald	–
112	5	RIVER NORTH 15 (BF) (F Savill) Lady Herries 6-10-12	R Dunwoody	▣
113		RUNIC SYMBOL 128F (D Sloan) M Blanshard 5-10-12	D Gallagher	–
114	64	SCOTTISH BAMBI 10 (W Kelly) P Webber 8-10-12	R Bellamy	59

BETTING: 5-4 River North, 5-1 Robert's Toy, 6-1 Karshi, 10-1 Arctic Thunder, 12-1 Foil Stone, 16-1 Blundsen Boy, New Albion, 20-1 others.

1995: MEETING ABANDONED — COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM FOCUS

KARSHI beat Sir Leonard 4l in 15-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) on penultimate start. ROBERT'S TOY 2½l 2nd of 7 to Wishing in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. ARCTIC THUNDER 3½l 2nd of 23 to Whitechapel in handicap at Newbury (1m 5f 61yd, good to soft) latest Flat start. ART TATUM 21l 5th of 12 to Tenerus in novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to soft). FOIL STONE beat Arctic Courier 2½l in 11-runner maiden at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate Flat start. NEW ALBION 44¾l 6th of 12 to Master Beveled in novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to soft). RIVER NORTH 9¾l 5th of 9 to Right Win in the grade I Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to soft). SCOTTISH BAMBI 21l 4th of 16 to Tonys Gift in novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy).
Selection: RIVER NORTH

1.30 WALTON JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,061: 2m) (12 runners)

201	531P22	OCEAN HAWK 13 (D,F,S) (Miss J Broadhurst) N Twiston-Davies 11-6	C Llewellyn	▣
202	51	DOMAPPEL 34 (D,G) (M Banks) Mrs J Cecil 11-2	T Kent	87
203	1	SOVEREIGNS PARADE 34 (D,G) (R Tooth) N Henderson 11-2	M A Fitzgerald	92
204	5410	LAST SPIN 29 (D,G) (Mrs E Lang) J Jenkins 10-11	J Osborne	70
205	20	BATTLESHIP BRUCE 13 (T Foreman) N Callaghan 10-10	R Dunwoody	74
206		RIDE OUR TIME 146F (B Parren) G Roe 10-10	W Humphreys	–
207	0	DEYMIAR 13 (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 10-10	D Leahy	–
208	563	KING OF BABYLON 43 [illegible] Lady Herries 10-10	E Murphy	82
209		NAUTICAL JEWEL 69F (Sporting Partners) M Usher 10-10	W McFarland	–
210		NEUWEST 16F (P Green) N Walker 10-10	A P McCoy	–
211	05	ZABADI 15 [illegible] D Nicholson 10-10	A Maguire	86
212		MANDY'S BET 96 (J Smith) N Callaghan 10-5	S Keightley	–

BETTING: 9-4 Sovereigns Parade, 11-4 Ocean Hawk, 9-2 Domappel, 6-1 Neuwest, 12-1 Zabadi, 14-1 King of Babylon, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

OCEAN HAWK [illegible] 2nd of 12 to Fassian in juvenile hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to soft) with BATTLESHIP BRUCE (3lb better off) 6th 12th. Previously [illegible] 2nd of 15 to [illegible] in juvenile hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, soft) with ZABADI [illegible] 5th. DOMAPPEL beat Dark Bay short-head in 20-runner juvenile hurdle at Haydock (2m, good). SOVEREIGNS PARADE beat [illegible] in 20-runner juvenile hurdle at Haydock (2m, good). LAST SPIN beat BATTLESHIP BRUCE [illegible] in 9-runner juvenile hurdle at Fakenham (2m, good) on penultimate start. DEYMIAR 25l 11th of 15 to Born To be Wild in juvenile hurdle at Warwick (2m, good to soft). KING OF BABYLON 25l 3rd of 9 to Prophets Honour in juvenile hurdle at Fakenham (2m, good). NEUWEST 2¾l 2nd of 9 to Dancing Lawyer in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m) on penultimate Flat start. MANDY'S BET best recent effort, 20l 2nd of 10 to Woman's Company in juvenile hurdle at Exeter (2m 1f, good to soft).
Selection: OCEAN HAWK

2.00 RUNNYMEDE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,775: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

301	[illegible]	DAWN FLIGHT 7 (F) (Mrs E Davies) J Jenkins 7-11-10	S Fox	93
302	51	HAPPY HOSTAGE 36 [illegible] J White 5-11-9	P McLoughlin	89
303	0FD-564	[illegible] 45 [illegible] N Babbage 7-11-8	Kath Hambidge (7)	98
304	[illegible]	CROSA'S DELIGHT 11 (BF,G,S) (Bisgrove Partners) M Pipe 9-11-7	D Burrows (3)	▣
305	F2300-0	JUST BRUCE 8 [illegible] Mrs E Heath 7-11-5	B Fenton	87
306	[illegible]	FLOW 15 [illegible] 7-11-2	R Johnson	90
307	405-PP	LO-FLYING MISSILE 10 [illegible] R Dickin 8-10-5	Philip Hughes (3)	–
308	0400140	FLY GUARD 15 [illegible] N Babbage 9-10-0	Martin Smith (3)	–
309	[illegible]	CIRCLE BOY 45 [illegible] W Storey 9-10-0	R McGrath (3)	91
310	[illegible]	BOOLAVOGUE 30 [illegible] 6-10-0	G Hogan	–

Long handicap: [illegible] 9-5

BETTING: [illegible] Happy Hostage, 6-1 Dawn Flight, 10-1 Flow, 12-1 Just Bruce, [illegible] others.

FORM FOCUS

DAWN FLIGHT [illegible] penultimate start. HAPPY HOSTAGE beat [illegible] CROSA'S DELIGHT [illegible] of 22 to Goldenswift in novices handicap hurdle at Sandown (2½m, good to soft). FLOW 16l 5th of 19 to Harte Dening in novices handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5½f, good to soft). CIRCLE BOY ¾l 2nd of 7 to Ballindoo in selling hurdle at Musselburgh (3m, good to firm).
Selection: CROSA'S DELIGHT

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Perrett hurt

MARK PERRETT, the jockey, was knocked unconscious at Taunton yesterday when Hullo Mary Doll, his mount in the Yarcombe Novices' Handicap Hurdle, unseated him at the third-last flight. Perrett was taken to Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton for precau-

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Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.30 EASTER HERO HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,765: 2m) (8 runners)

401	1/1360-2	BARNA BOY 53 (G,S) (L Wilson) N Henderson 8-12-0	M A Fitzgerald	94
402	641F11	TIME WON'T WAIT 42 (D,F,G) (Old Berks Partners) R Phillips 7-11-9	J Railton	▣
403	PF0/P5P-	GAMBLING ROYAL 273 (C,G,S) (Mrs T Pritchard) P Pritchard 13-11-7	P Pritchard	–
404	32U311/	PEACEMAN 643 (D,G,S) (P Gibbings) Mrs D Haine 10-11-4	A Maguire	–
405	42-4114	RODEO STAR 42 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 10-11-0	G McCourt	98
406	0F600-4	LASATA 14 (D,G,S) (P Lamb) P Hobbs 11-10-13	A P McCoy	98
407	311013	MAN MOOD 50 (BF,G,S) (Steel Plate & Sections) C Brooks 5-10-6	G Bradley	97
408	143/1/F	WYLAM 13 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Wootton) J Gifford 9-10-0	P Hide	–

Long handicap: Wylam 9-3

BETTING: 7-4 Time Won't Wait, 5-2 Barna Boy, 5-1 Lasata, 6-1 Man Mood, 8-1 Rodeo Star, 10-1 Peaceman, 14-1 Wylam, 33-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BARNA BOY 2l 2nd of 5 to Northern Saddler in handicap chase at Worcester (2m, soft). TIME WON'T WAIT completed double, beat Full O'Praise 3½l in 5-runner handicap chase at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to firm) with RODEO STAR (6lb better off) 13l 4th. PEACEMAN completed double, beat Phargold 5l in 10-runner novice chase at Bangor (3m 1f 110yd, good), April 1994. RODEO STAR completed double, beat Political Tower 4l in 4-runner handicap chase at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. LASATA about 4¼l 4th of 12 to Sartorius in handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, soft). MAN MOOD beat Dunkery Beacon 14l in 8-runner amateurs handicap chase at Hereford (2m 3f, good) on penultimate start. WYLAM beat Sartorius 10l in 7-runner handicap chase at Fontwell (2m 3f, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: MAN MOOD

3.00 ROYAL MAIL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,945: 3m 110yd) (12 runners)

501	232-521	GREAT EASEBY 41 (D,G,S) (D Batey) W Storey 6-11-10	R McGrath (7)	94
502	322/411	TAKE THE BUCKSKIN 15 (D,F,G,S) (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 9-11-10	G McCourt	94
503	/5/61-00	SABALO RIVER 18 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs J Retter 12-11-9	R Dunwoody	97
504	35-0032	LANDED GENTRY 41 (S) (R Bell & Son) C Broad 7-11-7	J Hogan (3)	93
505	140-411	SMITH TOO 65 (D,F,G) (Smith Mansfield Meat) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-7	W Marston	93
506	1030-P0	NICK THE BEAK 13 (C,S) (N Wilson) J Upson 7-11-6	J Osborne	93
507	30/P341-	METAL OISEAU 282 (B,D,G,S) (F Ivory) P Ritchens 8-11-1	R Greene	90
508	12/PP1	COOL CLOWN 10 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Browne) M Pipe 9-11-1 (5ex)	D Bridgwater	88
509	30-4FFR	BETTER BYTHE GLASS 39 (D,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-12	C Llewellyn	85
510	42F-141	CAILIN GLAS 30 (F,G) (M Worcester) N Chance 7-10-12	D Finnegan (7)	▣
511	353-032	ROYAL PIPER 43 (S) (A Darlington) A J Wilson 9-10-10	A Tory	90
512	R33PP3	SPECIAL ACCOUNT 43 (D,F,G,S) (T Fiorillo) C Barwell 10-10-6	A P McCoy	90

BETTING: 7-2 Smith Too, 4-1 Take The Buckskin, 5-1 Great Easeby, 6-1 Landed Gentry, 8-1 Sabalo River, Cailin Glas, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

GREAT EASBY beat LANDED GENTRY (2lb better off) 3½l in 14-runner handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 7f 110yd, good). TAKE THE BUCKSKIN beat Ballyea Boy 7l in 20-runner novice hurdle at Nottingham (3m 110yd, good to soft). SMITH TOO completed double, beat Alternation 3½l in 4-runner handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 7f 110yd, good to firm). METAL OISEAU beat Young Ty 2½l in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Worcester (3m, good) with ROYAL PIPER (3lb better off) 3l 3rd. COOL CLOWN beat Storm Drum 8l in 20-runner claiming hurdle at Leicester (3m, heavy). CAILIN GLAS beat Goldenswift 2l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good). ROYAL PIPER head 2nd of 9 to Tour Leader in handicap hurdle at Taunton (3m 110yd, good) with SPECIAL ACCOUNT (3lb better off) 3l 3rd.
Selection: TAKE THE BUCKSKIN

3.30 HANWORTH HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,811: 3m) (5 runners)

601	P156-1U	YORKSHIRE GALE 34 (CD,G,S) (B Naylor) J Gifford 10-11-10	A P McCoy	96
602	6/U213-2	CLEVER SHEPHERD 64 (D,F,G) (Miss H Cope) P Hobbs 11-11-4	G Tormey (3)	95
603	66-5233	REPEAT THE DOSE 6 (F,G,S) (A Wates) T Casey 11-11-0	R Dunwoody	94
604	222-225	TOUREEN PRINCE 13 (D,G,S) (P Stamp) Miss H Knight 13-11-0	Mr J Culloty (7)	▣
605	132-223	THE WHIP 69 (F,G,S) (Mrs C Yeates) D Grissell 9-10-0	D Bridgwater	91

Long handicap: The Whip 9-11

BETTING: 7-4 Yorkshire Gale, 2-1 Clever Shepherd, 7-2 Repeat The Dose, 8-1 Toureen Prince, 10-1 The Whip

FORM FOCUS

YORKSHIRE GALE beat Edimbourg 2½l in 6-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. CLEVER SHEPHERD ½l 2nd of 12 to Smith's Band in handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good). REPEAT THE DOSE head and 15l 3rd of 8 to Uncle Eli in handicap chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft). TOUREEN PRINCE 3l 2nd of 7 to Duballow Lodge in handicap chase at Taunton (3m, good). THE WHIP 1½l 2nd of 6 to Paper Star in handicap chase at Plumpton (2m 5f, good to firm).
Selection: YORKSHIRE GALE

4.00 EXTRA DAYLIGHT NOVICES' HURDLE
(Div II: £2,918: 2m) (13 runners)

1	1-111	CASTLE SWEEP 43 (D,G,S) (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 5-11-5	A Maguire	▣
2	1-	HARLEQUIN WALK 247 (G) (D Johnson) R O'Sullivan 5-10-13	D O'Sullivan	85
3	0/3-	AMAZE 437 (Lady Philipps) Lady Herries 7-10-12	E Murphy	77
4	002-U	DECIDE YOURSELF 76 (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 6-10-12	G McCourt	–
5		FINE IDEA 15 (Racing) T Casey 7-10-12	M A Fitzgerald	–
6		FROGMARCH 104F (Mrs H Mills) R Phillips 6-10-12	J Railton	–
7	55	JUST 'N ACE 34 (Mrs J Abercorn) J Gifford 5-10-12	P Hide	–
8	10-00	MAITRE DE MUSIQUE 36 (BF,S) (P Ogden) A Turnell 5-10-12	P Carberry	79
9	0P3	SOMMARIVA STAR 10 (DEN) (Mrs A Dodds) R Hartop 6-10-12	B Powell	78
10	0	SWINGING SIXTIES 55 (N Higson) G L Moore 5-10-12	A P McCoy	–
11	630-	TUKANO 191F (Mrs T McCoubrey) J Jenkins 5-10-12	J Osborne	90
12	11-0	VENDOON 36 (G,S) (M Davies) M Heaton-Ellis 6-10-12	D Gallagher	–
13	00/P5	JUNGLE HIGHWAY 8 (P Hiatt) P Hiatt 7-10-7	J A McCarthy	–

BETTING: 5-4 Castle Sweep, 6-1 Just 'n Ace, 8-1 Amaze, 10-1 Maitre De Musique, Harlequin Walk, 12-1 Decide Yourself, 14-1 others

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE SWEEP completed treble, beat Keep It Zipped 5l in 12-runner novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). HARLEQUIN WALK beat Dallactic 2½l in 7-runner novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good). AMAZE ¾l and head 3rd of 12 to Rocky Park in novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft). DECIDE YOURSELF 14l 2nd of 10 to Speedwell Prince in National Hunt Flat race at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. JUST'N ACE about 28l 5th of 10 to Call Equiname in the Kennet Gale Novice Hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good). SOMMARIVA STAR 11l 3rd of 16 to Tonys Gift in novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy). TUKANO 17½l 3rd of 3 to Clifton Beat in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft).
Selection: CASTLE SWEEP (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lady Herries	4	8	50.0	W Marston	5	14	35.7
J Upson	3	6	50.0	E Murphy	6	20	30.0
D Gandolfo	4	11	36.4	P Hide	7	32	21.9
T Thomson Jones	6	19	31.6	R Dunwoody	22	104	21.2
N Henderson	17	65	26.2	M A Fitzgerald	13	62	21.0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ludlow

Going: good (good to firm in places)

12.40 (2m hdle) 1, **Master Tribe** (W Marston, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Dream Ride (3-1 jt-fav); 3, The Bounder (15-2). Blaze Of Oak 3-1 jt-fav. 16 ran. 1¾l, 11l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £4.10; £2.40, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £5.90. Trio: £15.70. CSF: £12.28.

1.10 (2m hdle) 1, **Darling** (J Osborne, 8-13 fav); 2, Tragic Hero (6-1); 3, Torian (50-1). 17 ran. NR: Green Crusader. ¾l, 14l. S Sherwood. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.70, £17.60. DF: £6.70. Trio: £117.00. CSF: £5.21.

1.40 (2m hdle) 1, **Pridewood Picker** (A Maguire, 5-1 fav); 2, Magical Bid (10-1); 3, Real Popcorn (16-1); 4, Master Murphy (6-1). 19 ran. NR: Beaulan. 1½l, ¾l. R Price. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £2.50, £5.70, £2.20. DF: £46.70. Trio: £617.70. CSF: £58.02. Tricast: £730.95.

2.10 (3m ch) 1, **Turning Trix** (A Maguire, 8-11 fav); 2, Visaga (14-1); 3, Dont Tell The Wife (6-1). 8 ran. NR: Powder Boy. 5l, 1½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.60; £1.50, £2.80, £1.30. DF: £16.00. Trio: £18.20. CSF: £11.68. Tricast: £38.14.

2.40 (2m ch) 1, **Newhall Prince** (Gary Lyons, 9-4 fav); 2, Early Drinker (5-2); 3, Colonel Colt (7-1). 8 ran. 3l, 1l. A Streeter. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £2.50, £2.30. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.73. Tricast: £26.00.

3.10 (3m 2f 110yd hdle) 1, **Hoodwinker** (A Dobbin, 8-1); 2, Copper Coil (20-1); 3, Old Money (33-1); 4, Now We Know (7-1). Apachee Flower 9-4 fav. 18 ran. 8l, 14l. W Jenks. Tote: £6.00; £1.30, £5.50, £10.70, £2.20. DF: £110.90. Trio: £220.90. CSF: £151.33. Tricast: £4,510.53.

3.40 (2m 4f ch) 1, **Shining Light** (A Maguire, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Pimberley Place (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Veryvel (CZE) (9-2). 16 ran. 1½l, 4l. D Nicholson. Tote: £4.20; £1.90, £2.00, £2.30. DF: £10.30. Trio: £88.30. CSF: £16.08.

4.10 (2m hdle) 1, **Sounds Like Fun** (G F Ryan, 6-1); 2, Kaladross (6-1); 3, Potter's Gale (4-7 fav). 17 ran. NR: Moylin Magic. 6l, 7l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £6.90; £1.60, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £23.10. Trio: £3.50. CSF: £40.02.

Placepot: £21.80. Quadpot: £5.10.

Taunton

Going: good to soft

1.20 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, **Hightown Cavalier** (J Harris, 9-2); 2, He's A King (14-1); 3, Trickerty's Gift (3-1 fav). 12 ran. NR: Star Market. Sh hd, 12l. R Hodges. Tote: £5.90; £2.00, £3.00, £1.90. DF: £39.60. Trio: £47.30. CSF: £56.62. Tricast: £193.60.

1.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, **Scottish Wedding** (Guy Lewis, 33-1); 2, Coast Along (11-2); 3, Vakani Tosto (4-7 fav). 16 ran. 12l, 3½l. W Clay. Tote: £44.20; £4.50, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £96.90. Trio: £131.80. CSF: £211.75.

2.20 (4m 2f 110yd ch) 1, **Killeshin** (S Curran, 12-1); 2, Vicompt De Valmont (12-1); 3, Brackenfield (14-1). Sunley Bay 3-1 fav (fell). 11 ran. 3l, dist. H Manners. Tote: £12.50; £2.00, £4.60, £7.40. DF: £39.70. Trio: £221.00. CSF: £121.69. Tricast: £1,741.71.

2.50 (2m 3f 110yd) 1, **Chaprassi** (D Bridgwater, 7-4); 2, Tom Finch (50-1); 3, Hanging Grove (50-1). Mister Morose 13-8 fav (fell). 12 ran. NR: Another Hubblick. Soldier-B. 25l, 4l. M Pipe. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £3.60, £5.50. DF: £39.50. Trio: £168.80. CSF: £54.86.

3.20 (2m 3f ch) 1, **Garrylough** (M Dwyer, 11-2); 2, Coolree (7-2 fav); 3, Southampton (7-1). 14 ran. 1l, 9l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £6.90; £2.10, £2.40, £2.10. DF: £17.20. Trio: £28.60. CSF: £24.78. Tricast: £130.49.

3.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, **All Clear** (D Bridgwater, 7-1); 2, Lake Kariba (Evens fav); 3, Allow (16-1). 12 ran. NR: King's Gold. 2½l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £7.10; £2.30, £1.60, £3.40. DF: £8.60. Trio: £60.50. CSF: £14.45. Tricast: £111.31.

4.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, **Dress Dance** (Sophie Mitchell, 20-1); 2, Goldingo (14-1); 3, Society Guest (12-1). Sports View 4-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Mustahil. 7l, 1½l. N Mitchell. Tote: £35.90; £3.70, £4.00, £3.20. DF: £192.50. Trio: £392.20. CSF: £249.63. Tricast: £3,165.15.

Jackpot: Not won. Pool of £9,174.09 carried forward to Kempton Park today.
Placepot: £411.00. Quadpot: £62.70.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.00 (1m 2f) 1, **Todd** (A Clark, 11-4); 2, Jade Venture (8-13 fav); 3, Callonescy (8-1). 9 ran. 1l, 9l. P Mitchell. Tote: £4.20; £1.10, £1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.30. Trio: £3.00. CSF: £4.86.

1.30 (1m 4f) 1, **Carrolls Marc** (J Weaver, 12-1); 2, Matax (11-4 fav); 3, Harry (14-1). 15 ran. 1l, 2l. C Murray. Tote: £13.70; £3.50, £1.10, £11.00. DF: £21.50. Trio: £114.40. CSF: £48.44. Tricast: £465.30.

2.00 (1m) 1, **Masnun** (A Clark, 9-2); 2, Mr Nevermind (6-1); 3, Hand Of Straw (20-1). Perilous Plight 5-2 fav. 12 ran. Sh hd, 1l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £6.50; £2.50, £1.90, £10.40. DF: £14.20. Trio: £32.60. CSF: £37.32.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, **Your Most Welcome** (G Carter, 9-2); 2, Errant (Evens fav); 3, Cumbador (6-1). 6 ran. Sh hd, 3l. D ffrench Davis. Tote: £5.20; £1.10, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £3.70. CSF: £9.24.

3.00 (2m) 1, **Random** (C Rutter, 14-1); 2, Fort Knox (8-1); 3, Nessington Butts (11-1). Pageboy 15-8 fav. 13 ran. NR: Thick As Thieves. [illegible] hd. C James. Tote: £10.90; £2.20, £2.40, £5.10. DF: £59.20. Trio: £127.40. CSF: £120.28. Tricast: £1,189.11.

3.30 (2m) 1, **Sir Norman Holt** (D Biggs, 20-1); 2, Wild Strawberry (11-8 fav); 3, Hever Golf Lady (10-1). 14 ran. ¾l, 3l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £31.30; £5.30, £1.20, £9.00. DF: £29.60. Trio: £143.50. CSF: £50.18. Tricast: £311.08.

4.00 (7f) 1, **Soaking** (J Weaver, 4-1); 2, Invocation (12-1); 3, Rebellion (7-2). Moos 5-2 fav. 11 ran. 3l, ½l. P Burgoyne. Tote: £6.70; £2.20, £2.90, £2.40. DF: £55.60. Trio: £77.00. CSF: £51.29. Tricast: £176.40.

CATTERICK

THUNDERER

1.20 In Good Faith. 1.50 Beggars Banquet. 2.20 Malawi. 2.50 Trevveethan. 3.20 Political Tower. 3.50 Singlesole.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

1.20 NORTHERN ELECTRIC CHARITY CHALLENGE SERIES (Novices hurdle: £2,969: 2m) (17 runners)

1	1224	ROYAL EXPRESSION 66 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 11-5	P Niven	94
2	1P	GREENWAY LADY 51 (D,G) Miss A Embiricos 11-0	J Ryan	74
3	00	ABSOLUTE FOLLY 6 Mrs S Smith 10-12	Mr C Mulhall	–
4	00	BOLD TOP 55 (V) P Rothwell 10-12	R Supple	–
5		COOL TACTICIAN 101F C Parker 10-12	D Parker (3)	–
6		ENCHANTED COTTAGE 111F M Hammond 10-12	A Dobbin	–
7	5	EUROLINK THE REBEL 51 M Hammond 10-12	R Garritty	89
8		FASSAN 102F M Hammond 10-12	R Burns (7)	–
9	022	IN GOOD FAITH 13 J Quinn 10-12	M Dwyer	▣
10	000	LEEDONS PARK 6 (B) M W Easterby 10-12	J Callaghan	–
11	000	MAJOR SNUGFIT 4F (B) M W Easterby 10-12	A S Smith	74
12		TAKE A RIGHT 179F N Chamberlain 10-12	B Storey	–
13	004	THREE WILD DAYS 13 T Tate 10-12	Mr S Swiers	88
14		TOP FELLA 137F P Dennis 10-12	N Smith	–
15		WHAT'S SECRETO 72F H Alexander 10-12	L Wyer	–
16		CRAMBELLA A Smith 10-7	M Brennan	–
17		LATCH KEY LADY 125F R Woodhouse 10-7	D J Kavanagh (5)	–

3-1 Royal Expression, 7-2 In Good Faith, 4-1 Eurolink The Rebel, 6-1 Three Wild Days, 7-1 Greenway Lady, 8-1 Fassan, 10-1 others

1.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,870: 2m 3f) (12)

1	4-61	BRANCHER 34 (CD,F) J Norton 5-11-10	W Fry	87
2	-112	BEGGARS BANQUET 52 (F) P Beaumont 6-11-0	R Supple	▣
3	0	BRIDLE PATH 8 M H Easterby 5-11-0	L Wyer	–
4	00	CASTLE RED 34 J Wade 5-11-0	D Ryan (7)	–
5	30	CONDHAME 34 M Wane 6-11-0	J Callaghan	–
6	-403	MONYMAN 14 (F) M Hammond 6-11-0	P Niven	97
7	056-	NANCYS CHOICE 255 J Charlton 6-11-0	B Harding (3)	–
8	0-0	OLIVER'S MATE 14 P Dennis 6-11-0	B Grattan (7)	–
9	-360	MISS LAMPLIGHT 13 F Murtagh 6-10-9	A Dobbin	82
10	F	POLLY STAR 9 L Lungo 6-10-9	T Reed	–
11	3124	RACHAEL'S DAWN 46 (F) J Eyre 6-10-9	O Pears	98
12	6-00	STORMHILL AMAZON 89 T Tate 5-10-9	R Garritty	–

Evens Beggars Banquet, 7-2 Monyman, 6-1 Brancher, 7-1 Rachael's Dawn, 10-1 Miss Lamplight, 12-1 Condhame, 14-1 others

2.20 STAYERS NOVICES CHASE
(£3,753: 3m 1f 110yd) (8)

1	3211	MALAWI 14 (B,G,S) W Bethell 6-12-3	A S Smith	94
2	2412	RUSSIAN CASTLE 34 (G) J Wade 7-11-11	M Dwyer	84
3	P2	FARMER'S HAND 35 B Ellison 9-11-5	B Harding (3)	88
4	-320	HEDDON HAUGH 7 P Cheesbrough 8-11-5	A Thornton	–
5	5045	MASTER OF TROY 30 (F,G,S) C Parker 8-11-5	D Parker (3)	90
6	UU6-	ROSE'S ORPHAN 319 D Todd 10-11-5	K Jones	–
7	6066	TEMPLE GARTH 14 (G,S) P Beaumont 7-11-5	R Supple	–
8	20	FIGHTING TROUT 64 (G) Miss A Embiricos 9-11-0	J Ryan	▣

11-10 Malawi, 4-1 Farmer's Hand, 5-1 Russian Castle, 7-1 Temple Garth, 8-1 Heddon Haugh, Master Of Troy, 12-1 others.

2.50 DINSDALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,070: 2m 3f) (14)

1	2313	BRACKENTHWAITE 7 (G) L Lloyd-James 6-11-11	E Callaghan	93
2	/06	REVE DE VALSE 57 (G,S) Denys Smith 9-11-9	R Burns (4)	–
3	0604	ALMAMZAR 6 (B) N Tinkler 6-11-7	E Husband	91
4	5-02	TREVVEETHAN 43 Mrs S Austin 7-11-5	B Grattan (4)	94
5	1264	HIGHLAND PARK 35 (BF,F) R Craggs 10-11-3	G Lee	96
6	0606	HAUGHTON LAD 15 J Parkes 7-10-13	R McCarthy (4)	95
7	/F0-	GLEN MORVERN 263 (F) W Kemp 10-10-12	F Perratt	–
8	6P5-	TOLL BOOTH 237 (F) J Charlton 7-10-11	B Harding	94
9	3223	GOLDMIRE 58 (BF,G) W Turning 6-10-10	D Parker	95
10	-640	SAFARI PARK 8 (F) W Bethell 7-10-10	G Cahill	83
11	P200	LAMBSON 7 (G) J Pearce 9-10-2	L Aspell	▣
12	256-	WILLIE BUTT 265P Miss S Williamson 11-10-0	D Ryan (4)	–
13	P-03	THOMAS RAND 15 M Dods 7-10-0	F Leahy	93
14	0/0-	DOLLY PRICES 443 W Smith 11-10-0	S Porritt (7)	–

7-2 Highland Park, 5-1 Brackenthwaite, 6-1 Goldmire, 7-1 Trevveethan, 8-1 Almamzar, 10-1 Reve de Valse, Toll Booth, 14-1 others

3.20 STOKESLEY HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,230: 2m 3f) (7)

1	-122	POLITICAL TOWER 41 (C,G,S) R Nixon 9-12-0	M Dwyer	93
2	12-3	ISSYIN 89 (G,CD,G,S) M W Easterby 9-11-9	R Garritty	90
3	25-4	JUST FRANKIE 34 (C,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 12-11-4	P Niven	▣
4	2U36	PRECIPICE RUN 9 (V,G,S) G Richards 11-11-2	A Dobbin	91
5	3U2U	CROSS CANNON 7 (BF,F,G) J Hellens 10-11-1	T Reed	93
6	353U	WAIT YOU THERE 7 (C,F,G,S) P Alexander 11-10-6	L Wyer	97
7	-533	RATHER SHARP 38 (C,F,S) C Popham 10-10-0	T Dascombe (5)	85

5-2 Political Tower, 3-1 Cross Cannon, 4-1 Issyin, 5-1 Precipice Run, 6-1 Just Frankie, 8-1 Wait You There, 20-1 Rather Sharp

3.50 COWTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,822: 3m 1f 110yd) (8)

1	2-35	LIEN DE FAMILLE 55 (C,F,S) J Quinn 6-11-10	M Dwyer	89
2	4-0	DESERT MIST 51 (B,F,G) Miss L Shally 7-11-9	D Bentley	–
3	U111	MASTER OF THE ROCK 32 (V,CD,F,G,S) J Mackie 7-11-7	E Husband (3)	94
4	-3FP	TROODOS 34 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Austin 10-11-2	D Wilkinson	▣
5	-252	SINGLESOLE 48 (F,G,S) Mrs P Sly 11-11-1	R Marley	96
6	-231	NEW CHARGES 30 (G) P Beaumont 9-10-2	P Grattan (7)	94
7	-1P1	GOLDEN NUGGET 34 (F,S) E Alston 9-10-0	L Wyer	93
8	3P5P	STRONG MEASURE 14 (F) P Cheesbrough 5-10-0	R Supple	–

7-4 Master Of The Rock, 7-2 Singlesole, 9-2 Golden Nugget, 6-1 Lien de Famille, 7-1 New Charges, 8-1 Troodos, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Quinn, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; L Lungo, 10 from 36, 27.8%; Mrs P Sly, 3 from 11, 27.3%; N Tinkler, 8 from 35, 22.9%; Mrs M Reveley, 22 from 102, 21.6%; J Norton, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: A S Smith, 13 winners from 42 rides, 31.0%; E Callaghan, 3 from 10, 30%; M Dwyer, 19 from 64, 29.7%; P Niven, 17 from 83, 20.5%; A Dobbin, 12 from 77, 15.6%; T Reed, 12 from 80, 15.0%.

Blinkered first time

CATTERICK BRIDGE: 1.20 Bold Top, Leedons Park, Major Snugfit. SOUTHWELL: 2.10 Manila Bay, Summer Villa. 4.10 Don't Get Caught

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

1.40 Lochbuie. 2.10 Hawwam. 2.40 First Maite. 3.10 Manful. 3.40 Hard Love. 4.10 Cashmere Lady.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
1.40 Flirty Gertie.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.40 OYSTER MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (£2,676: 7f) (11 runners)

1	000-	HENRY WESTON 36 P Howling 4-9-0	J Quinn 10
2	0/	LOCHBUIE 440 J Eustace 4-9-0	R Cochrane 4
3	/60	MAN OF MAY 8 R Lamacken 4-9-0	T G McLaughlin 1
4	00-	MAYBANK 293 B McMahon 4-9-0	G Carter 8
5	44-6	NORTHERN GREY 9 J Berry 4-9-0	P Roberts (7) 9
6	000-	OUR ROBERT 102 J Fitzgerald 4-9-0	M Wigham 6
7	0-	PUSHKA FAIR 31 T Watson 5-9-0	C Mckeown 3
8	/30-	SQUARE DEAL 243 S Bowring 5-9-0	C Teague (5) 5
9	0/	TAME DEER 494 W O'Gorman 4-9-0	Emma O'Gorman 2
10	320-	FLIRTY GERTIE 96 R Boss 4-8-9	J Weaver 7
11	66-0	SO NATURAL 16 E Alston 4-8-9	Fortune 11

5-2 Flirty Gertie, 3-1 Square Deal, 4-1 So Natural, 5-1 Our Robert, 6-1 Northern Grey, 8-1 Maybank, 10-1 others.

2.10 HALIBUT APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,572: 1m) (7)

1	00-2	HAWWAM 14 (CD,BF,F,G,S) E Alston 10-8-13	C Teague 4
2	00-6	CHADLEIGH LANE 7 (V,C,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-10	F Lynch (5) 5
3	0-30	NO SUBMISSION 9 (V,CD,BF,G,S) D Chapman 10-8-10	P Fessey 6
4	30-3	MISS ZANZIBAR 9 (D,F) R Fahey 4-8-5	L Newton 1
5	00-0	ARECIBO 14 J Parkes 4-8-4	R Havlin 2
6	460-	MANILA BAY 311 (B,F) J King 6-8-4	D Sweeney (5) 3
7	00-0	SUMMER VILLA 14 (B,CD,G) P Haslam 4-7-13	M Baird 7

9-4 Miss Zanzibar, 5-2 Hawwam, 7-2 No Submission, 4-1 Chadleigh Lane, 8-1 Summer Villa, 20-1 Manila Bay, 25-1 Arecibo

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Akehurst, 6 winners from 20 runners, 30.0%; W O'Gorman, 31 from 174, 17.8%; J Fitzgerald, 20 from 121, 16.5%; W Haigh, 19 from 119, 15.9%; T Barron, 32 from 217, 14.7%; M Camacho, 12 from 85, 14.1%; R Guest, 4 from 29, 13.8%; J Berry, 30 from 221, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 34 winners from 194 rides, 17.5%; T Ives, 19 from 110, 17.3%; J Fortune, 17 from 101, 16.8%; C Dwyer, 3 from 18, 16.7%; R Cochrane, 23 from 141, 16.3%; Emma O'Gorman, 25 from 164, 15.2%; J Tate, 12 from 86, 14.0%; Alex Greaves, 23 from 176, 13.1%; D McKeown, 33 from 254, 13.0%.

2.40 SHARK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,132: 6f) (11)

1	00-2	FIRST MAITE 14 (B,G) S Bowring 9-7	C Teague (5) 5
2	20-1	WEETMAN'S WEIGH 14 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 9-7	M Wigham 6
3	13-0	KIND OF LIGHT 17 (C,G) R Guest 9-5	J Tate 10
4	00-5	STILLY NIGHT 11 J Wharton 9-4	J Quinn 3
5	22-0	BIT OF BOTHER 14 T Barron 9-1	J Fortune 9
6	430-	CHILLAM 174 J Leigh 9-6	D McKeown 7
7	-415	CASTLE GOVERNOR 6 (D,BF,G) P Haslam 9-0 (7ex)	M Baird (5) 1
8	000-	DOWN THE YARD 95 (D,F) M Chapman 7-13	Martin Dwyer (7) 4
9	06-5	MADAM ZANDO 14 J Balding 7-10	Claire Balding 11
10	00-3	SEEKING DESTINY 14 M Chapman 7-10	P Fessey (5) 5
11	00-0	GRESHAM FLYER 14 B Richmond 7-10	A Mackay 2

5-1 First Maite, 7-2 Weetman's Weigh, 5-1 Castle Governor, 6-1 Kind Of Light, 7-1 Madam Zando, 9-1 Bit of Bother, 10-1 Stilly Night, 12-1 others

3.10 OCTOPUS HANDICAP (£3,118: 1m 4f) (8)

1	000-	MUSEUM 95 (D,S) D Nicholls 5-9-10	Alex Greaves 5
2	005-	CROSS TALK 87 (F) R Hollinshead 4-9-6	T Ives 2
3	61-6	PREMIER DANCE 13 (D,F,G) D Haydn Jones 9-9-6	A Mackay 7
4	026-	HULLBANK 128 (F) W Haigh 6-9-1	Dale Gibson 6
5	22-0	MANFUL 11 (F) J Hetherton 4-9-0	R Cochrane 8
6	01-5	ANISTOP 17 (C,G) R Akehurst 4-8-11	T Ashley (7) 3
7	33-1	MODEST HOPE 7 (CD,F,G) B Richmond 9-8-8	J Weaver 4
8	004-	RECORD LOVER 95 (C,G) M Chapman 6-7-10	P Fessey (5) 1

11-4 Modest Hope, 3-1 Anistop, 4-1 Hullbank, 5-1 Cross Talk, 7-1 Premier Dance, 9-1 Manful, 10-1 others

3.40 LOBSTER SELLING STAKES
(£2,607: 1m 3f) (9)

1	1-33	SARASI 9 (C) M Camacho 4-9-4	L Charnock 9
2	00	BALLYRAG 573 R Fahey 5-9-2	A Culhane 1
3	6-05	EASTLEIGH 9 (C,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-9-2	T Ives 6
4	-414	WARHURST 9 (C,G) D Nicholls 5-9-2	Alex Greaves 2
5	50-2	SHARP GAZELLE 14 (F) B Smart 6-8-11	R Cochrane 4
6	45-0	HARD LOVE 17 (G) J Eyre 4-8-8	R Lappin 9
7	00-0	MIXED MOOD 7 (C,G) B Llewellyn 4-8-8	T Williams 5
8	0/	PUMPKIN PIE 580 A Harrison 4-8-8	G Carter 7
9	040-	SOMETHING SPEEDY 233 (G) P Evans 4-8-8	K Darley 3

2-1 Sarasi, 11-4 Warhurst, 9-2 Eastleigh, 5-1 Hard Love, 7-1 Sharp Gazelle, 8-1 Something Speedy, 16-1 Mixed Mood, 33-1 others

4.10 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,160: 7f) (9)

1	311-	CASHMERE LADY 48 (D,G) J Eyre 4-10-0	R Lappin 4
2	36-1	SO AMAZING 11 (CD,G) Miss S Hall 4-9-7 (6ex)	J Weaver 8
3	223-	ZAIN DANCER 511 (D) D Nicholls 4-9-5	Alex Greaves 1
4	4-41	FIRST GOLD 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Wharton 7-9-5 (6ex)	S D Williams 7
5	00-4	DON'T GET CAUGHT 11 (B) J L Harris 4-9-4	J F Egan 3
6	0-54	AQUADO 4 (B,CD,F,G) S Bowring 7-8-9	C Teague (5) 6
7	02-0	QUINZII MARTIN 15 (V,CD,G) D Haydn Jones 8-8-6	T Williams 5
8	0-46	INDIAHRA 4 (V,G,S) R Hollinshead 5-8-7	F Lynch (7) 2
9	05-4	SEA GOD 4 M Chapman 5-8-2	C Munday (7) 9

11-4 So Amazing, 7-2 First Gold, 4-1 Cashmere Lady, 5-1 Don't Get Caught, 7-1 [illegible]

England and France lead pack in championship pay stakes

Little parity in wealth of nations

By Mark Souster

THE negotiations are over and rugby union's contracts, *apart from those in Wales*, are signed. Players can now concentrate on the business of playing. Tradition and pride apart, there is much, financially, to play for in the first professional five nations' championship.

Discussions between the international squads and their respective unions continued throughout the autumn and several deadlines for signature passed as the fine detail was worked out. The end product reflects the respective strengths of the competing *countries and their playing* record over recent years. England, and then France, emerge as the clear winners.

A glance at the column that lists maximum earnings, but does not take into account commercial opportunities, suggests a reasonably level *playing field among the five* nations. Closer analysis, however, reveals the glaring discrepancy in what teams are guaranteed.

England and France, the most successful sides in recent years, enjoy by far the largest retainers, £24,000 and £30,000 respectively. Twickenham's largesse is commensurate with the side's achievements and, coupled with match fees of £2,000, means that England players will earn £6,000 for each of this season's internationals. *The Rugby Football Union* (RFU) is the only union not paying a win bonus, which may indicate a belief among the players that, in a period of transition after the World Cup, victories might be hard to come by. The cost to the RFU, depending on the size of *the squad, will top £1 million.*

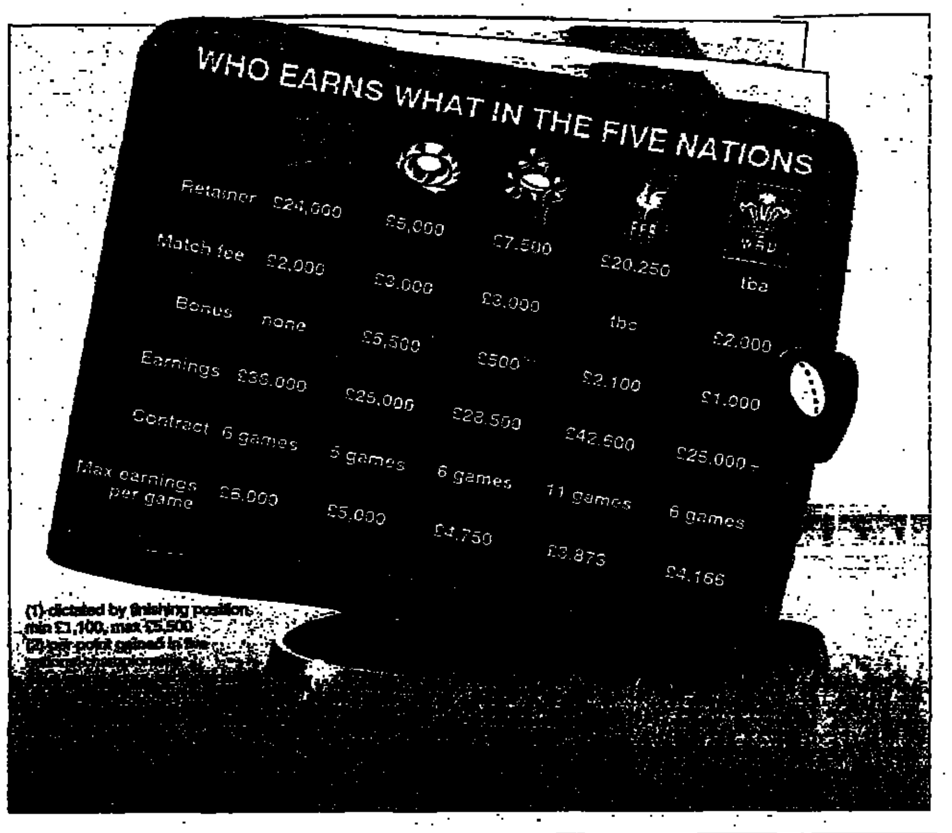
While the contracts of the four home countries covers only the period until the end of March and a maximum of six matches, France's includes the summer tour to Argentina, culmintaing in the second international, in June — in total, 11 matches. The players stood to gain a one-off bonus of £22,000 if they had gone through the season unbeaten, but the defeat by New Zealand means that cannot be won.

However, they still stand to receive an average bonus of £2,100 *per victory*, although this will be adjusted according to who is beaten. No doubt, an England scalp at Parc des Princes, their first in the championship since 1988, would be worth an extra few francs. Built in is an extra bonus of about £2,000 for *winning the grand slam.* The players have also been guaranteed eight free tickets for matches, and the opportunity to buy 25 more. Where the France players make significant sums is through their clubs. A top international, like Thierry Lacroix, can earn more than FFr25,000 a month (around £3,300) on top of his federation contract.

At the other end of the scale come Ireland and Scotland. The Ireland retainer is £7,500, Scotland's £2,500 less, which highlights the relatively impoverished financial state of those unions. The Scottish Rugby Union, for instance, is known to be experiencing financial difficulties and has reiterated that it would not pay what it could not afford.

Ireland have a maximum of 30 players on contract with Scotland 23, with both countries paying match fees of £3,000. The earnings of the Ireland players includes fees for the matches against Fiji and the United States, and players will earn £500 for each point won in the championship. Scotland are not paying a straight win bonus, but one based on their position in the table at the end of the season. If they repeat their grand slam of 1990, they will receive £5,500, decreasing by equal amounts of £1,100.

Wales's players are finalising their deals, have been paid fees of £2,000 a match against Fiji and Italy and win bonuses of £300 and £1,000 respectively.



WHO EARNS WHAT IN THE FIVE NATIONS

				FFF	WRU
Retainer	£24,000	£5,000	£7,500	£20,250	tba
Match fee	£2,000	£3,000	£3,000	tbc	£2,000
Bonus	none	£5,500	£500	£2,100	£1,000
Earnings	£36,000	£25,000	£23,500	£42,600	£25,000+
Contract	6 games	5 games	6 games	11 games	6 games
Max earnings per game	£6,000	£5,000	£4,750	£3,873	£4,166

(1) dictated by finishing position: min £1,100, max £5,500
(2) per point gained in the [illegible]

Moment of truth for potential dictators

By Gerald Davies

IF ANYTHING can be said with certainty about a five nations' championship more open to questions and lack of confident prediction than usual, it is that the stand-off half will become the focal point of every country's attention in the weeks ahead.

Come the aftermath of any match, he will find himself in the vortex of either blame or praise. Upon his slight frame rests the exaggerated triumphs and disasters of his team. Particularly the disasters, which the player soon finds are a more solitary and isolating experience than shared success.

This emphasis will be out of proportion, of course, but then, every player who wears the No 10 jersey understands this to be his destiny or he might as well retire to the open wastes of the wing or reshape his career so as to be within the anonymity of the pack of forwards.

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Therein lie a couple of necessary qualities: sassiness and a thick skin. No stand-off half worth his salt, whatever his other talents, can be without them.

Can we be sure that those who play in that position for their country this season have not only the cocksure mood to manipulate events but also to determine their teams' style of play?

There is much talk of style, which quite often in these islands can bear as much resemblance to fiction as to fact, as witnessed in the present preoccupation with the word "entertainment". This serves only to distract a player.

Efficiency and effectiveness come first, not in any ready-made, premeditated sense, but in doing the right thing at the right time, either through the cohesiveness of the team or the brilliance of a single player. Much will depend on the grasp that the stand-off half has of a particular game.

Of the four players on show *tomorrow, only Eric Elwood,* of Ireland, can be said to have a settled pedigree; at least in experience if not in consistent appearances. Thierry Lacroix, of France, has been a centre, as has been Gregor Townsend mostly for Scotland, and every weekend for Northampton. Paul Grayson plays only his second game for England.

In addition, while Neil Jenkins remained indisposed through injury, Arwel Thomas played his first game for Wales against Italy on Tuesday, when he displayed a naturalness in the position that will bring him into contention for selection against England. However, there is not much to go on.

The stand-off *half* should define his team's strategy while, at the same time, leaving himself room to play on the hoof. All of England knew where they stood with Rob Andrew, as did New Zealand with Grant Fox.

They both played to what Brian Price, the former Wales lock and captain, refers to as the geography of the pitch. Thus, the stand-off half sets boundaries within which the game must be played — here an up-and-under, there a diag*onal punt, here the back row* can have his inside pass, there the centre to chance his arm — rather than using the speed, flight and angle of the ball to determine the next course of action regardless of which square patch he occupies at any particular time. If they gave the appearance of inflexibility, both Andrew and Fox played the tactics required of them with rare accuracy and accomplishment.

Yet the very best stand-off half belongs to neither the one category nor the other. He is an amalgam of both. It is where he chooses to place the emphasis that defines him.

England and New Zealand had such powerful forwards as to dominate a match. Their stand-off halves played to them, but what if the irresist*ible force met the immovable* object? It was New Zealand who first posed the question and who promptly supplied the answer in the World Cup last summer. Rugby's tactics had to shift.

The inclusion of Andrew Mehrtens declared his team's intentions. Here was a player endowed with all the other essential qualities of kicking and passing, and also the instincts of an attacking runner. He is not of New Zealand's usual mode, but then nor are their present tactics.

For them, the geographical game for the moment has gone: speed, support and angles of running create the pressure nowadays, not the grinding accumulation of territory.

Who in the five nations' championship will follow that example? Which of the countries will break down the predictable lines of pressure? Furthermore, who will do away with the division that sees the backs playing a secondary role to the primacy of the forwards?

You shall not have the ball, the back row seems to say, until we have done with it: and, when you have it, you *shall place the ball in such a* position that we can play with it again. The stand-off half complies, but, because the ball *returns so slowly, it limits his* options to do anything else.

England, having grown comfortable with the style, will consequently find it the hardest to change. For the championship this season, they may not need to, but, if they have greater ambition, they may soon have to. For the time being, Grayson, as he showed against Western Samoa, is a confident operator. So is Elwood, who can be expected to follow a similar pattern.

France, under Jean-Claude Skrela, their coach, are accept*ing the need to change and* have the personnel to do so. They have the talent in the back row and threequarters to *ensure that the forwards and* backs meld together.

However, the onus, inevitably, is on Lacroix, a centre hitherto but who played stand-off half in South Africa's provincial championship, to make the connection as seamless as possible.

Of the other countries, Scotland come nearest to playing the fluid game; but, as so often in the past, they rarely have the playing resources, of sufficient power and strength, to consolidate their position. Because they cannot afford to *be embroiled in continuous* physical confrontation, and preferring the rucking game, the ball emerges from their *forwards faster than anyone* else's.

Townsend is more of a runner than Craig Chalmers, his predecessor, who may have lacked the necessary speed but who had the fine footballing talent, of brain, boot and balance, to make Scotland tick. It is up to Townsend to do the same.

After the World Cup, the championship needs a lift to combat the continuing dominance of the southern hemisphere. Much will depend on the respective stand-off halves. *The pressure is on.*

Thomas, left, of Wales, could face Grayson, of England, in the battle of the international novices in two weeks' time

Lacroix: converted centre

Townsend must adapt fast to his change of position

Elwood: settled pedigree

Lessons of 1971 and all that retain relevance

Gerald Davies looks forward to a May reunion of one of rugby union's most influential teams

It hardly bears thinking about, but, come May, as we have been reminded, it really is 25 years since Dr Doug Smith, that mixture of hearty irascibility and jovial Scottish roguery, left these shores saying that the British Isles would return from New Zealand having won the international series. He predicted two wins, a loss and, wait for the curious calculation, a draw. Whoever thinks of a drawn match, for goodness sake?

Yet Smith did; and he was right. That is exactly how the final statistics stood when, in 1971, the Lions won a series for the first time in New Zealand.

He was the best of leaders, knowing when to loosen the rein, when to tighten. His *heart was with his boys but,* since a manager needs to keep a minimum distance away in case the riot act needs to be read, not entirely one of them. Which is as it should be.

He is calling us all together again. A celebration is afoot; a *reunion threatens. Four days* of it; in May, in fact; and it is impossible to resist.

The arrangements, it would appear, are well under way. For the inaugural dinner, in Cardiff, there are not enough tables for those wishing to be *sponsors of the event.* It is a moveable feast, however. So, as the party moves along the M4, there is a golf day before the border is crossed.

A royal dinner awaits in London; and, finally, an attendance at the Middlesex Sevens at Twickenham, which at one time represented the traditional and emotional farewell venue before the Lions embarked on the great adventure overseas.

The jamboree has a motive other than an opportunity to take a jar or three and to tell tall tales into the early hours. It is to raise funds for the Wooden Spoon Society, a charity with a strong rugby connection and that supports deprived and needy children.

"Once the tour starts," Smith writes, "I shall expect a *hundred and ten per cent* from you throughout ... or you will have to answer to me." His words cross the distance of a quarter of a century. They might have been said after his crystal-gazing at the Park Lane hotel where the 1971 gang gathered.

There was a sense then of embarking on an adventure. Each Lions tour seems like that. The prospect stirred the youthful blood. For most players, it happens in the springtime of their age; but it was also then the springtime of *rugby's own coaching revolution.* In that innocent time, everything seemed possible. No idea was too far-fetched; no option without merit. This lay at the core of Carwyn James's philosophy and was embodied in John Dawes, the captain.

One training session, late in the tour when everyone's reputation had been established and New Zealand were on the run, encompassed a series of multiple scissors and dummy scissors among the threequarters. The coach did not command us to use it; nor did he consider it as light-hearted shenanigans of a confident team. He merely suggested that the speed of the ball and sleight of *hand* could defeat the meanest of tight defences. It was for the players *to decide. Judgment was the* key.

James will be the only one absent at the May gathering. He died 12 years ago this week, at 53 years of age. His ghost, though, will hover at the several banquets, just as *his memory should prick* the conscience of every coach who is obsessed with prolonged confrontational forward play and a rigidly planned strategy, particularly in Wales, where the natural instinct is for neither.

Much the same could be said of Clive Rowlands, the Wales coach at the time. He promoted, in his different fashion, the coach as a figure to guide not command and for the players to play according to their will and whim.

If, in the piping-hot morning — or, should I say, late afternoon, knowing of the decline since then of Welsh supremacy — the accusation was levelled against England that they played by rote and their thoughts could be anticipated in advance, unhappily, the same thoughts now lie at the heart of Welsh teams, club and national, and need to be expunged.

Cardiff, as the most recent example, were frustratingly predictable against Toulouse in the final of the Heineken Cup.

Sentiment, said R. C. Robertson-Glasgow, the great cricket writer, can often make a liar of judgment. True, there is a tendency to peep backwards through rose-tinted glasses, but not always. Any game's verities should, after all, bestride the generations. To this extent, I count myself in good company. Brian Lochore, the manager of the All Blacks during the World Cup, has pointed to the 1971 Lions as influential on the way they nowadays play their *fluid game. Dare we follow?*

IOC decides on 'super drug' tests

By John Goodbody

BLOOD samples may be taken from competitors at the Olympic Games in an attempt to develop an accurate test to detect artificially administered human growth hormone (HGH), known as the "super drug". The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will decide next month whether to sanction what will be voluntary sampling in Atlanta this year.

HGH, which used to be obtained from the pituitary glands of dead humans, has been developed chemically and is believed to help the anabolic action of the body and to broaden the bones. It is often used in combination with anabolic steroids, which are detectable though urine testing, already mandatory for medallists.

Two groups of scientists, one in Great Britain, the other in Switzerland, have already been working to try to detect when HGH has been artifically administered.

The British team presented its preliminary findings at the Berzelius conference in Stockholm last summer. The work has been a collaborative effort between three parties: the Drug Control centre at King's College, London University, under Dr David Cowan; St Luke's Hospital at the University of Surrey, under Dr Derek Teale; and St Thomas's Hospital in London, led by Professor Peter Sonksen.

The Lausanne laboratory believes that it has found a test that measures physiological changes. Dr Marcel Saugy, its director, said that several back-up tests are being developed to measure the presence of other susbstances that become more concentrated when HGH has been injected. A combination of tests would be expected to determine whether HGH had been artifially administered.

Saugy said: "*I think we are very close to* implementing these tests." However, a possible drawback is a finding by endocrinologists. They have concluded that the stress of Olympic events causes the body to naturally produce high levels of growth hormone. The proposed blood-sampling would help to establish the normal levels of growth hormone in the bodies of competitors. Saugy believes that the level of growth hormone should be monitored in training and compared with the levels found at leading events.

HGH, which is often used to help undernourished children, is available on the drugs black market. Ten years ago, £50,000 worth of the drug disappeared from the Great Ormond Street hospital for children in London.

Harris makes point against Nicol

By Colin McQuillan

DEL HARRIS, whose ambitions for a third British title foundered last weekend on a decision to change his squash shoes when leading his semi-final against Mark Chaloner, illustrated the profligacy of that decision on Wednesday when he led his ICL Lion Herts squad to the head of the Super Squash League with a resounding victory over Peter Nicol, the Scot who defeated Chaloner in the national final.

Harris, the England No 1, overcame Nicol, ranked two places above him at No 4 on the world list, 15-9, 15-17, 17-14, 15-13 in the 72-minute first-string rubber that finished close to midnight at Herts Country Club in Welwyn Garden City, to conclude a 3-0 win over Cannons Club and displace the previously undefeated London squad at the top of the table.

In what was almost a celebratory victory for three members of the England squad that took the world team trophy for the first time in November, Chaloner defeated Justin Rennie 15-13, 15-11, 15-9 in a 51-minute third-string rubber and Chris Walker defeated Julien Bonetat, the French champion, 15-12, 10-15, 15-12, 17-14 in 66 minutes at second string.

Walker, the England captain who reached his first PSA grand prix final when losing to Nicol in the Mahindra Challenge last month, returned hot-foot on Wednesday from New York, where he had defeated Gary Waite, of Canada, 15-10, 15-8, 15-7 in the final of the Appawanis International for his first title on the professional tour.

Harris seemed more intent on making a belated *national championship point* than in collecting the extra league point that his dead-rubber victory gave his undefeated club, who have a match in hand over Cannons.

He played with outrageous confidence, striking power kills from the back of the court on either hand and guiding controlled drop shots effortlessly into both nicks, while Nicol was unusually tense and irritable.

Only in the game that he dropped, from leading 8-5 and 12-9, did Harris allow the new British champion to settle to the rhythmic rallying that is the basis of his success. The inventive volleying that served Nicol so well in the national final on Monday was negated by Harris's powerful driving, suggesting that this is a rivalry that will continue into the new squash year.

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Liverpool cast-off ponders move

Clough agrees to transfer talks with Birmingham

By David Maddock

NIGEL CLOUGH entered transfer talks with Birmingham City last night, relieved in the knowledge that he has finally become a wanted man. Clough will give Barry Fry, the Birmingham manager, a decision today, but, with three other clubs also expressing an interest, he can afford to take his time.

After what has seemed an eternity of idleness for the Liverpool player who once graced an England shirt, there was a flurry of activity yesterday, culminating in a dash down the motorway to talk terms with a delegation from the Midlands club.

Things began to turn around for Clough when Birmingham contacted Anfield in the morning, and offered a total of £1 million for his services. After long negotiations over the terms of payment, a fee was agreed between the clubs. Clough was then allowed to travel for talks at 8pm.

Fry was happy that the deal had progressed after problems during negotiations in the afternoon. "The fee has been agreed and it will come — one way or another — to £1 million," he said. "I'm encouraged by the fact that Nigel wanted to talk to us and we'll have to wait and see now if we can agree wages with the lad."

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, explained, however, that, although a price had been set with Birmingham, there were other clubs who could still enter the equation. "We have had interest from one Premiership side, and three from the first division," he said.

Clough, in fact, may be able to weigh up offers from Manchester City, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Derby County in the next few days, along with that from Birmingham — surprising, indeed, given the lack of interest in him this season, despite the obvious fact that his Anfield career was over. Clough has started just one game this season. In two years, he has seen his name on the first-team list less than a dozen times.

Evans has made it plain that there is no place for the player, signed 28 months ago for £2.275 million. After an Anfield career that promised so much on his debut, when he scored two goals against Sheffield Wednesday, Clough is finished at the club. So why has it taken so long for other clubs to become interested? Money is frequently touted as the answer.

Clough earns about £5,000 a week, and Birmingham's best offer, even after they take a long, hard swallow, is half that figure. Evans hinted strongly that the player will have to swallow hard himself and reduce his demands if clubs are to be enticed.

Clough, though, is becoming weary of such suggestions. He is as polite as ever when tackled on the subject, but it is apparent that he is more than a little angered by the insinuations that he is allowing greed to stand in the way of his career. He wants to go, he counters, and he is quite prepared to take a pay cut to ensure first-team football.

"I would be pleased to go, I want first-team football and, if I can find it at the right club, then I would be far happier than playing in the reserves," he said.

So if money is not the problem, what is? Why is a player of such obvious talent not pursued by other clubs, especially when the fee has been reduced to an affordable £1.5 million and is dropping all the time?

Watching Clough play for Liverpool reserves recently, an experienced manager of a first division club was shocked to see his decline. It was as if, he reflected, he was not able to come to terms with the physical demands of the sport in its present, athletic guise. He is a player without a position, lacking the pace and physical presence required of a forward, and the robust disposition demanded in midfield, he concluded.

Now, Clough has the opportunity to begin playing again, even if it is at a lower level. He must prove now that, while he was left stranded in the Anfield station, his time did not come and go for ever.

After two years in the wilderness, Clough is a wanted man. Photograph: Roger Lings

Carshalton relish task of ending Woking's supremacy

Non-League Football
by Walter Gammie

TO CARSHALTON Athletic, of the Icis League premier division, falls the first crack at dislodging the FA Umbro Trophy from the grasp of Woking, the Vauxhall Conference side, which has won the past two Wembley finals, when the Surrey clubs meet at Colston Avenue, in a first round match tomorrow.

John Rains, the Carshalton manager, said: "I'm sure that every other club left in the competition is hoping that we beat them, especially the Conference sides. They're a good side, they've got good individuals and are third in the Conference. What we hope is that they underestimate us and we can give them one or two surprises, but, if they play to their potential, they will beat us."

It was Carshalton's potential that took Rains there at the start of the season after the long-serving Billy Smith's departure to Kingstonian. Rains and his brother, Tony, his assistant, had enjoyed considerable success previously at Dorking and Molesey.

Rains said: "There's the potential on and off the field to get the club into the Conference and I'd love to manage a side that gets there." His experience at Dorking taught him that "everybody has got to be pulling the same way, from the fellow that pumps up the balls or collects the ones that go out of the ground to the chairman". He believes that the ingredients at Carshalton are right.

On the pitch, Rains has mixed young players with the more established. Francis Vines and Andy Salako, brother of John, have scored 39 goals between them while the likes of Eddie Saunders, a student, provide young legs.

Vines had played briefly for Woking in their Isthmian League days as part of a restless search for forward talent by Geoff Chapple, the manager. His latest such experiment struck an immediate dividend when Junior Hunter, 20, a full back released by Kettering Town, scored four times in a remarkable debut that brought Woking a 5-4 win at Morecambe.

Vividly recalling Hunter scoring a hat-trick when switched to playing up front for Cambridge United reserves, Chapple had no hesitation in using him in that role from the start to rest Darran Hay. "The trouble is people will now expect that every week," Chapple said. "If he does it, mind you, he'll be worth £2 million."

IN BRIEF

Drago ends mastery of Davis at tenth try

TONY DRAGO, of Malta, gained a measure of revenge for nine consecutive snooker defeats by Steve Davis by beating the six-times world champion 6-2 in the final of the Guangzhou Masters in China yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Drago, a professional since 1985, won the Strachan Challenge, a low-key satellite event, three years ago, but had never previously prevailed against such high-class international opposition.

Breaks of 79 and 57 earned Davis a 2-1 lead, but he was denied the chance to capture the 71st title of his career as Drago, who had surprisingly beaten Peter Ebdon 6-3 in the semi-finals on Wednesday, won the next five frames.

Flesch leads

Golf: Sam Torrance opened with a 70 to lie four shots off the lead in the Malaysian Open in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Steve Flesch included eight birdies in his 66, six under par, to take a one-stroke lead. Alexander Cejka, fourth after a 69, was the highest-placed European.

☐ The English Golf Union has been awarded £650,000 from the National Lottery towards the construction and development of the teaching academy at its National Golf Centre at Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire.

Hopley called in

Rugby union: Damian Hopley, dropped from the senior England side after being capped in the autumn internationals, has been called into the England team to play an A international with France in Paris this evening. He replaces Paul Hull on the wing.

☐ Quentin de Bruyn (Diocesan College, Cape Town and Keble) is the new Oxford University captain.

Auriol signs

Motor rallying: Didier Auriol, whose Toyota team was banned for a year for using illegal equipment, signed for Subaru yesterday. The former world champion joins Colin McRae, of Scotland, the reigning champion, Kenneth Eriksson, of Sweden, and Piero Liatti, of Italy.

Boone's chance

Rackets: Willie Boone, the former world champion, leads a strong field for the British over-40s championship at Queen's Club this weekend. He faces a tough challenge from John Prenn, the No 2 seed and defending champion.

Injuries and suspension threaten Newcastle goal

By Peter Ball

AT THE death, the FA Cup third round provided some shocks; and at the end of the replays on Wednesday, Newcastle United and Arsenal were left with a season to rescue after suffering the same fate as Blackburn Rovers, who had been knocked out on Tuesday.

With a nine-point lead in the FA Carling Premiership, Newcastle still have much to play for, as Sir John Hall, the chairman, pointed out in typically bullish fashion yesterday. "I don't care about being out of the FA Cup because the Premier League title has always been our main priority," Sir John said.

"We are desperate to be among the elite of Europe, and there's only one way you can do that. This club hasn't won the championship for almost 70 years, but we've never had such a good opportunity to change that. We were magnificent in defeat against Chelsea, but we must never lose sight of what we are trying to achieve. Wembley can come later. The Premiership is for now."

Yet to lose on penalties, particularly after being only 90 seconds away from going through on Wednesday before Gullit's equaliser for Chelsea, could inflict serious psychological damage on Newcastle. Their cup exits to Arsenal and Chelsea in the space of a week have also begun to raise questions about the depth of their physical resources.

On Wednesday, with Lee's Achilles tendon causing him to miss the tie, Beardsley was forced to drop back into midfield. Ferdinand's departure with a rib injury left the front line looking equally short. Ferdinand may take some part against Bolton Wanderers tomorrow, but suspensions, too, are causing Newcastle problems. Ginola, who was sent off against Arsenal, starts a three-match ban against Sheffield Wednesday in two weeks. Peacock, dismissed for receiving two yellow cards on Wednesday, will serve his one-game suspension on the same day.

With Gillespie injured, the absence of Ginola will mean that Newcastle will lack both the wingers who made such a telling contribution to the club's smooth progress before Christmas. However, just as for Blackburn last year, the fixture list is falling kindly for the Tynesiders. On Saturday, when they might be at their most vulnerable, in their third game in seven days, they are at home to Bolton, the bottom club. Newcastle's cup exits mean that they then have a two-week break, giving time for injuries to heal, but Ginola will miss the visit to Middlesbrough. Even so, the signs that Newcastle need to strengthen their squad will not have escaped Kevin Keegan, the manager.

By then, Arsenal will know whether they are through to the Coca-Cola Cup final, which, for one more year, offers a Uefa Cup place. With their league form slipping recently, Wednesday's defeat at Sheffield United means that is their only realistic hope of honours this season, and their most likely route into Europe. Arsenal's approach did not please Bruce Rioch, the manager.

"The manner in which we lost was just not satisfactory," Rioch said. "All their players were up for the game. Some of ours were, some weren't. If you can't rise to the occasion in the FA Cup, when there is the eventual prize of a trip to Wembley, then that's a situation we have to look at."

Rioch is also running up against injuries and suspensions. Platt, who missed nine games earlier in the season, went into hospital yesterday for a further knee operation. At best, he seems certain to miss the game against Everton tomorrow, when Adams and Keown start two-match suspensions. Dixon and Bould are injured and McGowan starts a suspension on Monday. Rioch, who said yesterday that he would intensify his search for signings, may have just as great a need to buy as Keegan.

REVISED DRAW

Bolton Wanderers v Leeds Utd
Charlton Athletic v Brentford
Coventry City v Manchester City
Everton v Port Vale
Huddersfield Town v Peterborough Utd
Ipswich Town v Walsall
Middlesbrough v Wimbledon
Nottingham Forest v Oxford Utd
† Queens Park Rangers v Chelsea
Reading v Manchester Utd
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Shrewsbury Town v Liverpool
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Swindon v Barnsley or Oldham Athletic
Tottenham Hotspur v Wolverhampton W
West Ham Utd v Grimsby Town

*☐ Ties to be played January 27, * 28 and † 29*

JUMBO SPORTS CROSSWORD

MICHAEL Barnard, of Pinner, Middlesex, is the winner of the Jumbo Sports Christmas Crossword, and he wins a Methuselah of Moët Chandon worth £250. The six runners-up, who each win a copy of the sports book of the year, *A Good Walk Spoiled*, by John Feinstein, are: Malcolm Cousins, Powys; Timothy Hanton, Reading; Mrs B Odell, Slough; Mr C Hely-Hutchinson, Ludlow; Mr D Willows, Lincoln; Mrs J Kirkby, Manchester.

ACROSS: 1, Carpenter; 5, Snooker; 9, Spectator; 15, Alec Bedser; 16, Tee up; 17, Positioned; 19, Point; 21, Welter; 23, Sportsman; 25, Shot; 26; Away; 28, Yellow; 33, Edge; 35, Swallow; 37, Oar; 38, Cap; 39, Settler; 41, Japan; 42, Veteran; 43, Coe; 45, Lea; 47, Astle; 49, Ashes, 50, Pye; 51, Grass, 53, Seve; 54, Weave; 56, Alp; 58, Ascot; 62, Ian; 63, Hit; 64, Counter attacker; 66, Lie; 67, Ure; 68, Royal; 69, Ref; 70, Holds; 75, Tire; 77, Amiss; 78, Tie; 79; A bash; 82, Satin; 83, Dan; 84, Ton; 85, Pothole; 86, Eddie; 88, Birdie; 91, Ace; 92, Len; 94, Address; 95, Odds; 97, Fangio; 98, One, 99, Pin; 100, Lev; 101, Surf; 103, Autograph; 107, Returf; 109, Angry; 110, Accelerate 111, Innes; 112, Paolo Rossi; 114, Last stand; 115, Umpires; 116, Bob Hewitt.

DOWN: 1, Champions; 2, Reel in catch; 3, ESB; 4, Tideway; 6, No throw; 7, Overs; 8, Explode; 10, Coton; 11, Tenth; 12, Ride to win; 13, Prat; 14, Spot; 18, Sam; 20, Tackles at full power; 22, Eye; 24, Seed; 27, Martina Navratilova; 29, Loader; 30, Lap; 31, Orange; 32, Game set and match; 34, Damage; 35, Seve; 36, Lord; 40, Toes; 44, Spencer; 45, Lew; 46, Asa; 48, Track; 49, Archery; 52, Stretch, 55, Vole; 57, Pirates; 59, Cole; 60, Stay; 61, Hero; 65, Unfit; 70, Hunted; 71, Lad; 72, Sin; 73, Used lane; 74, String; 76, Ebor; 80, Andre Agassi; 81, Stud; 82, Sets; 85, Plays ball; 87, Den; 89, Early Mist; 90, Rono; 93, Golf club; 96, Stadium; 97, Fires, 102, Races; 103, Agent; 104, Tea; 105, Greg; 106, Henri; 108, Tips; 113, Roe.

Federation bans Mason from skeleton bobsleigh

CECILIA MASON, the lance corporal from Scotland who has broken into the all-male sport of World Cup skeleton bobsleigh racing, was yesterday banned from competing in the world championships in Canada next month (John Goodbody writes).

Mason, who finished 39th, ahead of nine men, in the first race of the season last Sunday, has also been prevented from competing in the remaining World Cup events, beginning with the race in La Plagne, France, tomorrow.

The rules of the International Bobsleigh and Toboggan Federation (FIBT) do not specify that sliders must be male and officials allowed her to take part in the race last weekend in Germany, where she is stationed with the Royal Corps of Signals.

However, she was warned that the FIBT might act to stop her competing in future events. Mason, 20, said: "We tried to appeal, but it is like hitting your head against a brick wall. I would now like there to be a women's World Cup." In skeleton bobsleigh, competitors hurtle head-first down slopes on sleighs resembling tea trays with runners.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	8	70	icy	crusty	closed	fair	1	8/1
(Very icy pistes everywhere; more stones showing)								
Lech	40	75	good	fair	icy	sun	-2	8/1
(Low overnight temperatures aiding conditions)								
Obergurgl	40	100	fair	varied	icy	fine	-1	8/1
(Snow OK on all runs but wearing thin in places)								
St Anton	25	130	fair	spring	art	fine	1	8/1
(Snow-making machines aiding conditions)								
Schladming	25	40	fair	crust	art	cloud	-2	4/1
(Complete cover on all runs but very hard-packed)								
Söll	10	50	fair	crusty	closed	fair	-3	8/1
(Snow machines and good grooming improving conditions)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	70	220	good	varied	good	fine	-1	12/1
(Pistes excellent above 1,700 metres; some ice on busy runs)								
Les Arcs	40	190	good	varied	fair	fine	0	7/1
(Snow well-packed and hard in places; odd worn patch)								
Avoriaz	95	130	good	varied	fair	fine	-1	7/1
(Skiing still generally good; cold and clear)								
Chamonix	10	185	good	varied	worn	sun	3	6/1
(Large moguls developing everywhere)								
Megève	5	80	fair	varied	worn	sun	5	7/1
(Some pistes good at altitude; pisteurs working hard)								
La Tania	50	60	icy	crust	closed	fine	3	7/1
(Icy and worn in many places but majority of area open)								
Val d'Isère	60	120	good	varied	art	sun	-1	12/1
(Pistes in good shape at altitude; hard/icy low down)								
SWITZERLAND								
Grindelwald	0	35	fair	crusty	closed	fine	-2	7/1
(Pistes OK from mid-station up; most lifts open)								
Villars	10	70	fair	moguls	closed	fine	3	7/1
(Still no significant change in conditions)								
UNITED STATES								
Vail	127	183	good	powder	good	cloud	-20	18/1
(Excellent skiing; everything open)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper.

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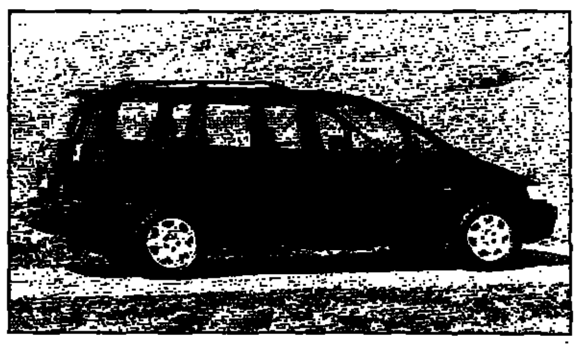

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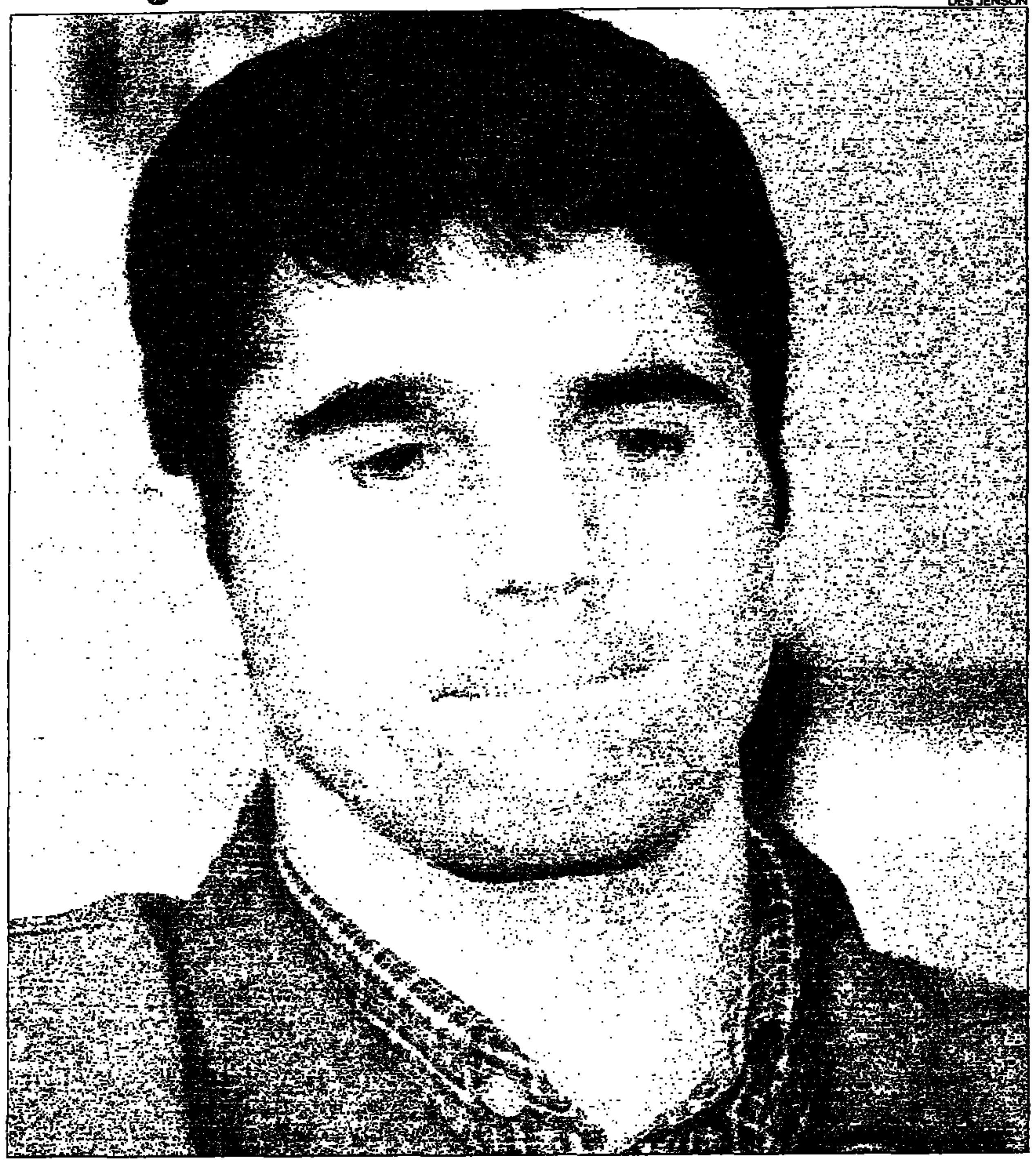

DES JENSON

Docherty believes that the memory of Murray will not interfere with his performance tomorrow

Drew Docherty, the British bantamweight champion from Scotland, has the most important contest of his career at Mansfield tomorrow when he meets Daniel Jiminez, of Puerto Rico, the World Boxing Organisation champion. It will be his first bout since the death of James Murray last October. Docherty was in the opposite corner on that tragic night at the Hospitality Inn, Glasgow.

Docherty, 30, is carrying on boxing to secure the future for himself, his fiancée, Caroline, and daughter, Rachel, nine months. He also wants to win the title for Murray. He does not want Murray to be remembered simply as a statistic in the boxing argument, but as a boxer. Winning the title will give him due recognition. Their bout was one of the best seen in Scotland for a long time.

"It was a tremendous fight we had," Docherty said. "We never got credit for it. It would have been the fight of the year; but it was forgotten. It became like a bad dream. I think about Jim. I still remember him. I wouldn't be a good man if I didn't remember him and how good he was that night. I don't think many people realise this, but boxers are very close. That's why they cuddle each other after the bell. When the bell goes, he's your friend again."

The bout with Jiminez will also show if Docherty's heart is still in boxing — whether he can hit in earnest and is prepared to knock his opponent unconscious. Chris Eubank certainly was never himself again after Michael Watson suffered serious brain damage in their second bout. Gabriel Ruelas, the former world champion, lost all interest after the death of Jimmy Garcia and was beaten by Azumah Nelson, making his comeback at the age of 37.

Barry McGuigan still prays for Young Ali, who died some months after a bout with him in 1982. "My kids and I pray every single night for Young Ali and Bradley Stone and James Murray and Michael Watson and Gerald McClellan," McGuigan said. "In my first fight after Young Ali, against Jimmy Duncan, I had him in trouble but I couldn't bring myself to hit him again until he hit me with a desperation punch and hurt me. Only then was I on him again."

Tommy Gilmour, Docherty's manager and promoter, whose family has been three generations in boxing, does not know how Docherty will react in the ring. "He's got his humour back; you can see a wee spark, certainly," Gilmour said. "How will it feel to come back to boxing? Who knows? There doesn't appear to be a problem."

Docherty is certain that the memory of Murray will not interfere with his bout tomorrow. He does not expect to see Murray with every punch, in the way that Richie Wenton said he saw Bradley Stone in a contest with Neil Swain and walked out of the bout.

Docherty said: "I don't think I'll suddenly feel like holding back. I believe I'm good enough to win the world title, but I don't think I'm good enough to hold back and win the world title. If I don't give it my all, I won't win. I don't want to dwell on what happened. I want to be the world champion. I'm sure Jim's up there, saying 'You go out there and win this world title'."

Docherty, who comes from Cumbernauld, said that it was mainly due to the understanding and kindness of Murray's mother and father, Margaret and Kenny, that he was able to recover. "I went to see his father and mother," he said. "They told me it wasn't my fault. Boxers and their families know the risks, they said." Docherty needed a month to talk through the tragic events. "Boxing's boxing," he concluded. Tragedies happen and life has to go on.

"The funeral was the worst," he said, "because it happened with a bang. Trouble is, I didn't think anybody would die in a boxing ring. It never really hit home; but then, when I saw the coffin, it really hit home that somebody had died and I was involved in it.

"It's funny, but you never think it's going to happen to you. I've been involved in the game for nearly 20 years and that's the first time I've ever seen it or been involved in it. Everybody in the village was great. My mother and father and neighbours and grannies coming to the house helped me."

> **'When I saw the coffin, it really hit home that I was involved in it'**

Gilmour said: "He needed time to himself. We had thought about professional counselling, but we found that the best counsellor was the man in the street. The people of Scotland were the counsellors to him. Nobody has ever made a back-handed remark. They always wish you the very best, even the paper-man in the street, and I think that's how you are driven on when you know people are behind you. That's better than any counsellor."

Docherty went back to the gym after six weeks because he had to give his brother, Wilson, a lift in his car. At first, the Glasgow Transport gym, on the east side of the city, looked about as inviting as an electricity sub-station to Docherty. However, instead of sitting there "all dressed up", waiting for his brother, he decided to do light work. Gradually, he returned to full training and started sparring two weeks ago.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.0 unless stated

A internationals

France v England
(at Jean Bouin Stadium, Paris, 6.0)
Ireland v Scotland
(at Donnybrook, 2.30)

Under-21 International

Ireland v Scotland
(at Blackrock College, noon)

Club matches

Askeans v Cambridge Univ (7.30)
Bath v Moseley (7.15)
Bristol v Exeter (7.30)
Clifton v Stroud (7.30)
Leicester v Bedford (7.15)
Met Police v Esher (7.45)
Northampton v Wasps (7.30)
Rosslyn Park v London Irish (7.30)
Worcester v Wolverhampton (7.30)
Biggar v Ayr
Edinburgh Wndrs v Glasgow H K
Currie v Gala
Greenock Wanderers v Glasgow Acads
Glasgow Southern v Dundee HSFP
Kelso v Boroughmuir
Langholm v Jed-Forest
Preston Lodge v Stewart's Mel FP
Stirling County v Grangemouth
West of Scotland v Kirkcaldy

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Championship

Sheffield v Wigan (7.30)

FOOTBALL

LEAGUE OF WALES: Holywell v Connah's Quay (7.30)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shelbourne v Athlone (7.45)

SCHOOLS MATCH: English girls' Vimto under-16 Trophy: Bridley Moor High School v Archbishop Grimshaw (3.30).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British super-featherweight championship (vacant): P J Gallagher (Wood Green) v Davey McHale (Glasgow) (at Bracknell)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 38

CRONK

(a) The croak of a raven. Applied to wild geese in the United States (from the Icelandic *Krunk* — the raven's cry). In the 1878 *Cumberland Gloss*, we are told that it is the "hollow note uttered by the raven when on the wing".

CAPON

(b) To make a capon of, to castrate. (From the French *chapponer*.) A 1986 copy of the *New Zealand Herald* refers with linguistic belt and braces and double otiosity to the "caponing of male fowl birds".

CHELA

(a) In esoteric Buddhism, a novice qualifying himself for initiation. (From the Hindi *chela*: slave, servant, pupil, disciple and from the Pali *cheto*: slave). Sinnet's 1883 *Esoteric Buddhism* discusses the role of the "chela, or pupil of occultism".

CONJEE

(c) The water in which rice has been boiled, used as a depressing article of diet for invalids, and as starch. (It may have been taken from the Portuguese. Garcia 1563 has *canje*, *candgie*, *canji* and *cangia* as early representations in other European languages). A. T Christie in *Epidemic Cholera* shows how the resemblance of cholera stools to rice-water has given rise to the spunky expression for the secretion in India viz. conjee evacuations.

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Overture to a composer

Charles Ives Weekend. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

Starting tonight and ending on Monday night, Radio 3 throws in its lot with the Barbican Hall in London in paying tribute to the prolific American composer. In Britain, we have been starved of chances to get to know Ives better. Now, we can hear five concerts featuring his work on Radio 3, beginning with this live concert from the Barbican by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis. The works include *The Unanswered Question*, *From the Steeples and the Mountains* and *The Robert Browning Overture*. The last was one of the compositions Ives all but disowned. He once threw the score across the floor shouting "It's no damn good!" Judge for yourself whether this Browning version deserved such rough treatment.

Kaleidoscope Feature: The Laughing Children. *Radio 4, 9.30pm.*

The repeat broadcast of this helpful analysis of Sir Michael Tippett's opera, *The Midsummer Marriage*, was not scheduled at random. Tonight sees the second performance of Graham Vick's new production of the opera at Covent Garden, where it was premiered in 1955. Like many operas that eventually gained favour with public and critics, *The Midsummer Marriage* had mixed notices. Some were downright hostile. Much of the sourness was reserved for Tippett's libretto which some critics found incomprehensible. Lynne Walker's *Kaleidoscope* feature gets rid of any ambiguities that may still exist. There cannot be many.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel with Bob Tilton and DJ Hell **1.00am** Radio 1 Rap Show **4.00-6.00** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Howard Keel Presents Playhouse: Her Majesty's Theatre (5/6) **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.00** Iain Anderson's Celtic Connections: Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl Video Review, Euronews and at **11.30** Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mar, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck; and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **8.35** Off Piste **9.05** American Graffiti **9.35** Stop Press **10.05** Entertainment Superhighway **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** *The Financial World Tonight* **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moz Dee **10.00** James Whale **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **5.00am** Newsday **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf. *La Sainte Vierge* **7.30** Surviving the 20th Century **8.00** News **8.10** Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News in German **9.15** Faith **9.45** Sports **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** BBC English **10.45** *La Sainte Vierge* **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Meridian **12.00** News **12.05pm** World Business **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Science in Action **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Multitrack Alternative **3.00** News in German **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** The World Today **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Sport **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** News in German *7.00 News 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Words of* Faith **7.30** Multitrack Alternative **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Politics **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** The World Today **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.10** Spotlight **11.15** Surviving the 20th Century **11.45** Farming **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** Britain Today **1.00** News **1.10** Press **1.15** Seven Days **1.30** Jazz **1.45** Good Books **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Jazz **4.45** Seven Days

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** *Classic Verdict* **8.00** *Evening Concert* **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Graham Dene **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Mark Forrest **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00 am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air including Boccherini (Symphony in E flat, Op 35 No 5), Strauss (Symphonia domestica), Sibelius (Finlandia Op 26); Kodaly (Suite, Hary Janos), Vaughan Williams (The Vagabond; The Roadside Fire); Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E flat)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Berlioz (Herminie); Scarlatti (Sonatas in D minor, in D); Gluck (Alessandro)
10.00 Musical Encounters including Rameau (Cinquieme concert, *Pièces de clavecin en concerts*) **10.25** *Artist of the Week*: Sandor Vegh, violin: Beethoven (String Quartet in D, Op 18 No 3) **11.00** MacCunn (The Ship o' the Fiend); Mozart (Symphony No 35 in D, Haffner)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Villa-Lobos and Ginastera. Villa-Lobos (Cello Concerto No 1: Ulrich Schmid; North West German PO under Dominique Roggen); Ginastera (Three Dances, Estancia), Ginastera (Harp Concerto: Rachel Masters; City of London Sinfonia)
1.00pm News; St David's Hall Recital. Douglas Finch, piano plays Chopin (*Mazurka in B flat minor*); Smalley (Variations on a Theme of Chopin); Busoni (Seven Elegies); Scriabin (Two Pieces); Wolpe (Gutzan: Stehende Musik), Shostakovich (Piano Sonata No 1)
2.00 Schools: Let's Make a Story **2.15** Music Box **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner
3.00 Mining the Archive. Vintage recordings of the music of Aaron Copland including *Appalachian Spring* and the *Clarinet Concerto*
4.20 By the Waters of Babylon The Rev Alan Walker continues the story of 20th century exile within the Russian Orthodox Church abroad
4.30 Brazil: Music for Maids and Taxi Drivers. The third of six musical journeys explores the nostalgic, accordion-led *forro* music of Dominguinhos.
5.00 The Music Machine 1900-1995. Tommy Pearson tries to *define the distinctive sound of* a Russian orchestra
5.15 In Tune live from the Barbican Centre in London
7.30 Charles Ives Weekend. See Choice
8.40 Ives in his Place: My Father's Song. *Michael* Oliver explores the life of Charles Ives (1/3) **9.00** The Charles Ives concert concludes with *Holidays Symphony*
9.50 Metamorphoses (Metamorphosed) Seamus Heaney reads *Orpheus and Eurydice*
10.00 Hear and Now Sarah Walker presents a concert from the Institute of Contemporary Arts featuring Seth Josel with *Ensemble Expose* under Roger Redgate, performing the works of Eric Lyon, James Tenney, Richard Barrett, Martin Bresnick, Christopher Fox, Ian Willcock, Andrew Simpson and David Bedford
12.00-1.00am Sekt, Smoke, Satire Robert Zeigler traces the origins of cabaret songs (3/6)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs Sue Lawley's castaway is the writer Jimmy McGovern (r)
9.45 Feedback. Chris Dunkley returns with a new series
10.00-10.30 News; Island on the Edge (FM only). John Fergusson samples the winter gales, the erratic power supply and the isolation of Foula, Britain's most remote community
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (**LW** only)
10.30 Woman's Hour Gail Foley introduces today's edition from Cardiff. Serial: *Mother of Pearl* by Mary Morrissey (2/12)
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One presented by Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Classic Serial: The Barchester Chronicles *Barchester Towers*. The second in a series of dramatisations of all six of Anthony Trollope's Barchester books is adapted in three episodes by Martyn Wade (3/3) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor and guests
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope Tim Marlow explores the myth and reality of the artist's studio
4.45 Short Story: Crossing the Glacier by Berlie Doherty Read by Janet Dale (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News 6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Winchester. The panellists are Virginia Bottomley, MP, Secretary of State for National Heritage, Jean Lambert, Green Party spokesperson on European issues; Austin Mitchell, MP, and Earl Russell, Liberal Democrat spokesman in the House of Lords on Social Security
8.50 Law in Action. Marcel Berlins returns with the legal series
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: The Laughing Children (r) See Choice **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez (5/15)
11.00 Week Ending Satire with Sally Grace, Toby Longworth, Peter Goodwright and Lewis Macleod
11.25 Fourth Column with Alistair Beaton and guests
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00 News incl **12.27am Weather**
12.30pm The Late Book: Maybe the Moon (9/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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Is this the right way up for a boy band?

A cluster of prepubescent girls in a Cardiff car park, so excited that their eyes range about and they jiggle on the spot. "Have you heard of a group called Upside Down?" asks the chap behind the camera. "No-o-o!" they chorus, with the affirmative gusto that usually goes with "Ye-e-es!". At this point a minibus containing the boys of Upside Down swings into view and the girls go wild. They run for autographs, get momentarily lost in a mass of hair and baggy denim, and retire agitated and breathless. Already they have sorted out the boys' names and decided which one they fancy. "Giles!" "No. Chris!" "Giles." "Richard." "Giles." "Chris." From obscurity to fame in a split second is a remarkable thing, and last night's **Inside Story** (BBC1) saw it happen. As the girls stared briefly at the autographs in their grip, and then ran off to another van, the whole cynical enterprise of launching a "boy band" looked pretty damn sensible at last.

The making of Upside Down was told in detail from the day of the auditions last spring. Is there a general rule of television that showbiz stories cannot fail? *A Band is Born* was fascinating — even though the outcome was banal, as was the product. From a mail response of 7,000 hopefuls, two music producers auditioned *250 boys for looks and singing* ability. They would invest heavily in this band if the formula was right but first indications were not hopeful. In a sequence well worth *preserving on video to show* to one's friends, the queue of boys each rendered *Love Me For a Reason*, and rightly squirmed at their own awfulness. "Don't love *me for fun, girl,*" sang the *queru*lous and flat, in a key of their own invention. "Let me be the one, girl." Wannabes in singlets and torn jeans began their act with twirls, hip thrusts and gel-gripping, and then sang like a nanny *goat with bronchitis.*

But this was not about the broken hearts of 246 boys; it was about the dream for the four — Giles, Chris, and er, the other two. "Do *you think you'll be attractive* to young girls?" the director asked Chris, and he said, "Yes, definitely." The producers turned down a young man with a terrific voice because *he didn't have the* requisite clean good looks. The producers wanted boys you could eat your dinner off. Which is not such an unpleasant thought, as it turns out.

Which one did I like? Well, shucks. I was sort of torn between Giles and Chris. Giles is *the more intelligent* but Chris is very cute. Also Chris's hair hasn't been tortured as much as Giles's.

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

But sorry, this isn't irrelevant. While *A Band is Born* followed these boys through their choreography *and singing lessons* (they could all sing) and the making of their single and pop video, it never forgot that these boys were really being groomed to star on bedroom walls, *pouting with their shirts* undone. That's the fundamental point of boy bands — and in fact of all pop stars except perhaps Elton John. Upside Down's producers came across as single-minded and entrepreneurial, and not unkind. *But when the boys felt embar*rassed and vulnerable, posing in thermal underwear for the pop video, their contract with the money-men suddenly looked pretty *sinister. Just* take those trousers off, boys. The girlies will love it. And the gay market will like it too.

As always, the promotional aspect of *A Band is Born* was worrying. *But with most arts* documentaries helping to sell something nowadays, obviously it can be difficult to draw the line. I recommend to viewers a double *standard which states that it's all* right when the product is a book. But when it's a pop record, the public airwaves have been hijacked and it's an abuse of the medium. Readers may remember how Jimmy Nail's series *Crocodile Shoes* offended comprehensively in this regard. So it is with some weariness I report that Upside Down has a single out; it was released last week. And that the *Inside Story* audience has heard it roughly ten times already, with glimpses of the video and lovely sneak previews of the singers in their pants.

Elsewhere there was little to write home about. **French and Saunders** (BBC1) had a disappointing night, with most *sketches relying on the joke* of recognition. To their credit, they keep the cultural references wide — last night, a viewer was expected to laugh airily "Oh yes, isn't that *just* like Fellini" *while also know*ing the Cranberries and *Noel's House Party*. Jennifer Saunders looks too good in a ginger beard, incidentally — I hope she always remembers to take it off. But it *has* to be said there are few feelings of dismay equal to the loneliness of not getting it on *French and Saunders*. "Who are they meant to be now?" are words a nice person doesn't like to frame, for fear of hurting somebody's feelings.

Finally, on ITV a pleasant **Survival** visited a place of barren rock — the canyons of the American west, where sheer rock-faces, high temperatures and no water would seem to rule out the chance of habitation. But what's this? The camera zooms in on a sign of life. A bobcat lurks; cliff swallows build their gourd-like nests. And it doesn't stop there, either. See the rats and hamsters. Goats clip-clop across the boulders. Tree frogs. The mighty eagle, the jack rabbit. By the end of this enjoyable film, those deserted canyons of the American west looked like the animal equivalent of the concourse at Victoria Station. If little mice had also stood up on their hind legs and sung *Blue Moon* in high squeaky voices, it wouldn't have been the least surprise.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (18451)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (29793600)

9.10 Kilroy. Topical discussion (s) (2902161)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7043187) **10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook** (s) (6156548)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (35708)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6292529) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (9423635) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (13128890)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (59109)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (64297616) **1.50 Banacek.** Detective series starring George Peppard (r) (2572161)

3.05 Timekeepers. Quiz (s) (5657345)

3.30 The Littlest Pet Shop (1951616) **3.50 Look Sharp!** (s) (2810797) **4.05 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (8096722) **4.15 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde.** (Ceefax) (s) (2642426) **4.30 The Mask.** (Ceefax) (s) (9912074)

4.55 Newsround Extra. A report from Uganda on the efforts to protect mountain gorillas. (Ceefax) (6958258)

5.10 Blue Peter. (Ceefax) (s) (7537258)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (179277)

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (161)

6.30 Regional news magazines (513)

7.00 Gagtag. A comedy quiz for stand-up comedians, chaired by Bob Monkhouse. (Ceefax) (s) (4600)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. (Ceefax) (s) (797)

8.00 Just Good Friends. Comedy series starring Paul Nicholas and Jan Francis. (r). (Ceefax) (3548)

8.30 A Question of Sport. Sporting knowledge quiz between teams captained by Ally McCoist and Bill Beaumont. (Ceefax) (s) (9155)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (8722)

9.30 Sea of Fire: a 999 Special. (Ceefax) (s) (592884)

10.20 Five Nations Rugby. On the eve of the opening matches of the five nations' *championship* Eddie Butler is joined by Rob Andrew, Jonathan Davies, Gavin Hastings and Brendan Mullin to preview this year's competition (s) (676548). **WALES: 10.20** All Our Lives (401161) **10.50** Five Nations Rugby (537906) **11.15** *Film:* Internal Affairs (348161) **1.05am-2.30** Film: Island of Terror (9127285)

10.45 FILM: Internal Affairs (1990) starring Richard Gere and Andy Garcia. A crime thriller about a corrupt Los Angeles policeman. Directed by Mike Figgis. (Ceefax) (s)(18384762)

12.40am FILM: Island of Terror (1966) starring Peter Cushing, Edward Judd and Carole Gray. A chiller about a scientist who discovers a secret cancer research laboratory that is dumping boneless bodies and mutations on an island off the Irish coast. Directed by Terence Fisher (2978049)

2.05 Weather (2397914)

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BBC2

6.00am Business and Work: Taking on the Chunnel (30161) **6.30** Hotpoint (19093)

7.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (6246635)

7.15 Lassie (3297513) **7.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (7351068) **8.05 The Really Wild Show** (r) (s) (5304884)

8.35 The Record (s) (9668819) **9.00 Consuming Passions** (r) (6518529)

9.05 Daytime on Two: Job Bank (6002068) **9.15** Teaching Today (236890) **9.45** Watch (3220971) **10.00** Playdays (58695) **10.30** Cats' Eyes (1931074) **10.45** Numbers Plus (1936529) **11.00** Look and Read (5772991) **11.20** Short Circuit (8616529) **11.40** Belief File (5220884) **12.00** English File(61631) **12.30pm Working Lunch** (35432) **1.00** Scene (40451) **1.30** Showcase (17131277) **1.45** Words and Pictures (17129432)

2.00 Johnson and Friends (r) (s) (86543155)

2.10 Sport on Friday. Tennis: the Australian Open; **Skiing:** men's and women's downhill from Switzerland and Italy (s). **News** and weather at **3.00** (101180) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (5207155)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (426) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (838) **5.00 Esther.** A studio discussion on contact with the dead (s) (5906)

5.30 The Village. A crisis at the pub leaves *Alison the barmaid in charge* (178548) **5.55 My Village.** Grewelthorpe in north Yorkshire (s) (896093)

6.00 The Munsters (b/w)(Ceefax) (465628)

6.25 The New Avengers starring Patrick Macnee (r) (Ceefax) (434513)

7.15 Electric Circus (s) (636513)

7.30 Sounds of the Eighties. Musical nostalgia (Ceefax) (s) (567)

8.00 Top Gear Motorsport. Featuring the Caminos del Incas race in Peru (Ceefax) (s) (4890)

8.30 Gardening from Scratch. Simple water features (Ceefax) (s) (7797)

9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt. Wit and wisdom with the philosopher (Ceefax) (s) (6364)

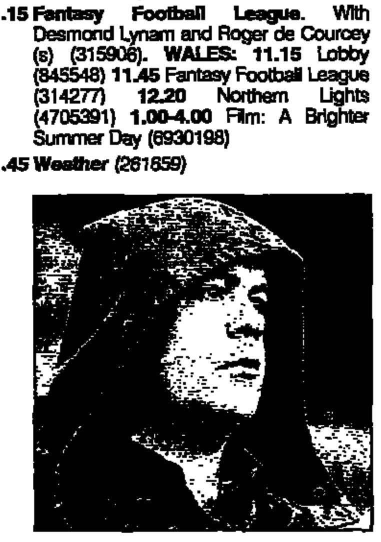
9.30 The Fast Show (r) (Ceefax) (s) (59068)

10.00 The Real McCoy (Ceefax) (s) (11190)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (243906)

11.15 Fantasy Football League. With Desmond Lynam and Roger de Courcey (s) (315906). **WALES: 11.15** Lobby (845548) **11.45** Fantasy Football League (314277) **12.20** Northern Lights (4705391) **1.00-4.00** Film: A Brighter Summer Day (6930198)

11.45 Weather (261659)



Alan McKee as Davey (11.50pm)

11.50 Northern Lights. (388838)

12.30am FILM: A Brighter Summer Day (1991) starring Zhang Zhen. Epic about growing up in 1960s Taiwan. Directed by Edward Yang. In Mandarin with English subtitles (6169759). Ends at **3.30**

CHOICE

Tomorrow's World
BBC1, 7.30pm

Scheduled dauntingly against *Coronation Street, Tomorrow's World* continues to carry the brave message that science is more riveting than soap opera. The series never fails to come up with intriguing ideas, though you wonder how many of them will actually make it. Perhaps a follow-up programme now and again would be instructive. Meanwhile, Vivienne Parry reports on how computer-aided design is being applied to dentistry. The benefit could be made-to-measure fillings, put together in *seconds and guaranteed not to fall out. In the* United States a company has devised an automated security gate that uses the heat from a person's face to identify them. Since no two people have the same thermal image, the system is said to be foolproof.

Gardens Without Borders
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Englishmen abroad Alan Mason and Will Giles continue their tour of the Iberian Peninsula and uncover more gardens that the package tourists are likely to miss. At Lloret Del Mar, a favourite spot for lying in the sun, Giles forsakes the beach and the bronzed bodies to drool over the garden of Pinya da Rose, with its rich collection of cacti. Then it is off to Cap Roig, to run the camera over a plant collection built up by a White Russian and his English wife and later passed on to the Spanish nation. Finally, Barcelona yields an avant-garde concept garden by Antonio Gaudi, creator of the *eccentric Catalonian cathedral, and a private* garden containing the largest maze in Spain. If Mason and Giles sometimes offer more enthusiasm than substance, there are plenty of feasts for the eye.

Sea of Fire: A 999 Special
BBC1, 9.30pm

The latest reconstructed emergency concerns the *Orleans*, a Greek oil tanker, which in 1986 collided with a trawler in the North Sea and burst into flames. The 32-strong crew was trapped on board, unable to reach the lifeboats. An RAF helicopter braved the gales to offer its help. Usually on these programmes the rescue, while heroic and full of nail-biting incident, is relatively *straightforward. In this case everything* went wrong. Mel Ward, the helicopter's winchman, was lowered on to the ship but lost his rescue line. His colleagues were forced to abandon him. He, in turn, feared that they had perished after a snapped cable *threatened to disable the helicopter's rotors.* And the *Orleans* started drifting towards an oil platform. Actors and participants combine seamlessly to bring a very nasty episode back to life.

Northern Lights
BBC2, 11.50pm

It seems there is no getting away from politics in Northern Ireland, even in a project to encourage the province's film-makers. Two of the three *short films* in this compilation are set around the Orange Order's July 12 celebrations, though neither, it should be said, is remotely propagandistic. John Forte's neat comedy is about a man who buys a pedigree goat to provide the skin *for his Lambeg drums. Initially appalled at* the waste of money, which she thinks would have been better spent on a Spanish holiday, his wife becomes fond of the animal and tries to save it. There is comedy, too, in Pat Griffin's tale of a young woman who creates *a magnificent cake for July 12, only to have it* rejected by the Orangemen for an unlikely reason. The third film, about an aspiring young surfer, proves that it is possible to escape politics after all. **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (2706432)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (4186426)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6069068)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (1906364)

10.35 This Morning(57147074)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6118513)

12.30 ITN News (Teletext) (6595635)

12.55 Murder, She Wrote (s) (4687722)

1.50 Home and Away (Teletext) (76980600)

2.20 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (18905819)

2.50 The Woodward File (4432345)

3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (2184819)

3.25 Regional News (2176890)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (2998529) **3.45 Disney's Pluto** (2813884) **4.00 Zzzap!** (2647971) **4.15 Bimble's Bucket** (s) (8663172) **4.40 Gladiators: Train to Win**(Teletext) (7612451)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (6982600)

5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (515600)

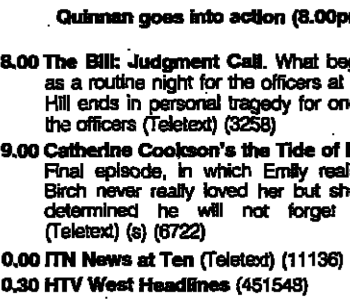
6.00 Home and Away(r) (Teletext) (168722)

6.25 HTV News *(Teletext) (165155)*

6.45 Sportsweek (Teletext) (817187)

7.00 Family Fortunes. The McDowalls from Sutton Coldfield compete for cash against the Gallaghers from London (Teletext) (s) (6068)

7.30 Coronation Street. It is the morning after the night before and Denise has some explaining to do (Teletext) (203)



Quinnan goes into action (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Judgment Call. What begins as a routine night for the officers at Sun Hill ends in personal tragedy for one of the officers (Teletext) (3258)

9.00 Catherine Cookson's the Tide of Life. Final episode, in which Emily realises Birch never really loved her but she is determined he will not forget her (Teletext) (s) (6722)

10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) (11136)

10.30 HTV West Headlines (451548)

10.40 FILM: Evidence of Love (1990), starring Barbara Hershey, Brian Dennehy and John Terry. A Texas bible-school teacher's craving for excitement leads to an ill-fated affair. Directed by Stephen Gyllenhaal (Teletext) (s) (74977093)

12.25am Hotel Babylon (s)(4708488)

1.05 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (6111846)

2.10 FILM: The Left Handed Gun (1958, b/w) starring Paul Newman, Lita Milan and John Dehner. Powerful, psychological western which demythologises the life of Billy the Kid, the legendary gunslinger. Directed by Arthur Penn. (341339)

3.55 Live from London *(1557933)*

4.50 Music Box Profile (90974020)

5.00 On the Live Side (24020)

5.30 ITN Morning News (19001)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:
2.50-3.20 Yan Can Cook (4432345)
6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (326635)

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As HTV West except:
12.55 Chain Letters (6407426)
1.25 Coronation Street (32859971)
1.55 Home and Away (76989971)
2.25 Wish You Were Here...? (18997890)
2.55-3.20 Cat Crazy (1666567)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6982600)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (47277)

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As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (6407426)
1.25 Chain Letters (32859971)
1.55 A Country Practice (64112971)
2.20-3.20 Murder, She Wrote (3924068)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6982600)
6.25-7.00 Central News (326635)
10.40 Central Weekend (74977093)
2.10am The Chart Show (6847575)
3.05 Dear Nick (3419117)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 Chain Letters (6407426)
1.25 Home and Away (32859971)
1.55 A Country Practice (64112971)
2.20-3.20 Murder, She Wrote (3924068)
5.10 Home and Away (6982600)
6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (47277)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (32432)
9.00 Fifteen to One (12093)
9.30 Eureka (3227884)
9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (3328567)
10.00 Fourways Farm (8594677)
10.10 Eurokids (7312364)
10.25 The Technology Programme (7317819)
10.40 Off Limits (7874258)
11.05 Backtracks (8622180)
11.20 Stage One (8610345)
11.35 Schools at Work (1260797)
11.40 How We Used to Live (5311180)
12.00pm Sesame Street (49635)
1.00 Slot Meithrin: Pismon Puw (42819)
1.30 FILM: Operation Pacific (1950) (83838)
3.30 Taste of the Caribbean: Cuba (987)
4.00 Backdate (722)
4.30 The Pulse (906)
5.00 5 Pump: Syth 96 (3994548)
5.15 5 Pump: Asi (4285884)
5.30 Countdown (258)
6.00 Newyddion 6 (524364)
6.15 Heno (962971)
7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (446432)
7.25 Cerdd Y Cymry (604345)
8.00 Cefn Gwlad (6258)
8.30 Newyddion (8093)
9.00 Pawb Al Fam (955258)
9.45 Short and Curlies: Seventeen (976890)
10.00 Brookside (11118)
10.30 Jo Brand (425068)
11.05 FILM: The Big Steal (1990) (357819)
12.55am FILM: Girl with the Green Eyes (1963) (307488)
2.40 How Wonderful (7324643)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Think Tank (r). (Teletext) (s) (5713797)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (32432)

9.00 Fifteen to One (r). (Teletext) (s) (12093)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (3227884) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (3328567) **10.00** Fourways Farm (8594677) **10.10** Eurokids (7312364) **10.25** Technology Prog *(7317819)* ***10.40*** Off Limits (7874258)**11.05** Back Tracks (8622180) **11.20** Stage One (8610345) **11.35** Schools at Work (1260797) **11.40** How We Used To Live (5311180)

12.00 Gardens Without Borders (r) (Teletext) (61659)

12.30pm Sesame Street (28345) **1.30 Camberwick Green** (r) (56971)

2.00 FILM: A Fatal Glass of Beer (1933, b/w). A alcoholic classic W.C. Fields *comedy (18992345)*

2.25 FILM: The Pied Piper (1942, b/w). A Second World War drama based on Nevil Shute's novel starring Monty Woolley, Anne Baxter, Roddy McDowell and Otto Preminger. Directed by Irving Pichel (Teletext) (634093)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (722)

4.30 Countdown. Quiz (Teletext) (s) (906)

5.00 Cutting Edge: The Trouble With Money (r) (Teletext) (s) (9109)

6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based teen comedy (r) (Teletext) (s) (971)

6.30 Moviewatch (r) (s) (451)

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (444890)

7.55 The Book Choice. Nicholas Coleridge reviews Barry Humphries' *Women in the Background* (Teletext) (s) (698513)

8.00 Gardens Without Borders. (Teletext) (s) (6258)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (8093)

9.00 Cybill: As The World Turns To . . . American sit-com starring Cybill Shepherd. (Teletext) (s) (1432)

9.30 Rising Damp. Classic boarding house comedy (r) (s) (40364)

10.00 Roseanne: Direct to Video. Wisecracking American comedy. (Teletext) (s) (11118)

10.30 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole. The second in a six-part comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (425068)

11.05 FILM: The Big Steal (1990). A delightfully sweet and funny Ealing-style Australian rites of passage comedy starring Ben Mendelsohn. Directed by Nadia Tass (357819)

Finch and Tushingham (12.55am)

12.55am FILM: Girl with Green Eyes (1963, b/w). Based on the novel by Edna O'Brien and starring Rita Tushingham as a young Irish innocent who falls for a middle-aged writer, Peter Finch. Directed by Desmond Davis. (307488)

2.40 How Wonderful. Australian comedy (r) (7324643) Ends at **3.40**

SATELLITE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Boiled Egg and Soldiers (2035161) 7.01 X-Men (6957277) 7.35 Crazy Crow (3836093) 7.45 Trap Door (3823529) 8.00 Power Rangers (59548) *8.30 Press Your* Luck (58819) 9.00 Court TV (69971) 9.30 Oprah Winfrey (69884) 10.30 Concentration (65155) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (91109) 12.00 Jeopardy! (52635) 12.30pm Murphy Brown (80906) 1.00 The Waltons (78161) 2.00 Geraldo (58548) 3.00 Court TV (8835) 3.30 Oprah Winfrey (2032987) 4.15 Undun (671074) 4.15 Power Rangers (8636258) 4.40 X-Men (3298548) 5.00 Star Trek, The Next Generation (9987) 6.00 The Simpsons (6906) 6.30 Jeopardy! (7258) 7.00 LAPD (9136) 7.30 M*A*S*H (3242) 8.00 Just Kidding (9364) 8.30 Coppers (5971) 9.00 Walker, Texas Ranger (28180) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (38587) 11.00 Law and Order (72074) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (6037391) 12.45am The Untouchables (6321594) 1.30 The Edge (65488) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (9565567) 9.30 Century (77432) 10.30 ABC Nightline (63797) 11.00 News and Business (82451) 1.30pm CBS News (87819) 2.30 CBS News (3819) 3.30 The Lords (8364) 4.00 News and Business (92277) 5.00 Live at Five (7529) 6.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton (5600) 8.30 The Entertainment Show (3513) 9.00 News and Business (26722) 10.00 Sky News Tonight (36109) 11.30 CBS News (42345) 12.30am ABC News (43594) (49952) 1.30 Tonight Replay (56730) 2.30 Worldwide Report (77240) *3.30 The Lords Replay (210201* 4.30 CBS News (37117) 5.30 ABC News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am That's Entertainment, Part 2 (1976) (63266398) 8.05 Gigi (1958) (74725971) 10.00 Absent Without Leave (1992) (84722) 12.00 Max Dugan Returns (1983) (774890) 1.55pm Mrs Doubtfire (1993) (26388364) 4.00 Clambake (1967) (4819) 6.00 Absent Without Leave (1992) (36155) 8.00 Mrs Doubtfire (1993) (31600) 10.00 Trust in Me (1994) (289180) *11.40 Shootfighter (1993) (812616)* 1.15am Revenge of the Nerds II: Nerds in Paradise (1987) (6279558) 2.40 Sex, Love and Cold Hard Cash (1993) (1067914) 4.05-6.00 Painted Heart (1992) (692556)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Come Fill the Cup (1951) (6451) 6.00 King Solomon's Mines (1950) (18797) 8.00 The Bravados (1958) (13242) 10.00 Android (19828) (72109) 11.30 Interiors (1978) (573180) 1.05am-3.05 White Christmas (1954) (925933)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Scooby-doo and the Reluctant Werewolf (41451) 8.00 Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland (1993) (65242) 10.00 Boeing Boeing (1965) (82364) 12.00 The Whipping Boy (1994) (51093) 2.00pm The Black Rose (1950) (10161) 4.00 Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland (1993) (5161) 6.00 Seasons of the Heart (1994) (99884) 7.30 UK Top Ten (2180) 8.00 Scam (1992) (39242) 10.00 Kalifornia (1993) (25839) 12.00 Deep Red (1994) (10001) 1.30am Untamed Heart (1993) (104049) 3.15 One Woman's Courage (1993) (25732440)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Under the Umbrella Tree (31921816) 6.30 Fraggle Rock (62523398) 7.00 New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (35537335) 7.30 Ducktales (65478682) 8.00 Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers *(4960797 1) 8.30 Adventures in Wonderland* (49606242) 9.00 Walt Disney Presents (31930364) 10.00 Under the Umbrella Tree (82323190) 10.30 Fraggle Rock (49799906) 11.00 Muppet Babies (69058890) 11.30 Welcome to Pooh Corner (69096819) 12.00 Quack Attack (49780258) 12.30pm *Dumbo's Circus (52642190)* 1.00 Adventures in Wonderland (79993946) 1.30 FILM Alice Through the Looking Glass (99581161) 3.00 Dinosaurs (20187364) 3.30 New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (32838398) 4.00 Quack Attack (57688695) 4.30 Ducktales (51288659) 5.00 Cyberstas (70503884) 6.30 Stick with Me Kid (19609529) 7.30 Eyewitness (50838118) 8.00 FILM: Fifth Avenue Girl (84010068) 9.30-10.00 Zorro (58509268)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Snowboarding (13345) 8.00 Eurosk (49242) 8.30 Motors (97277) 9.30 Eurofun (78884) 10.00 Alpine Skiing (1011242) 11.15 Live Alpine Skiing (53579109) 1.00pm Tennis (1059635) 6.00 Live Football (78109) 8.00 Football (79838) 9.00 Tennis (59074) 10.00 Boxing (52161) 11.00 International Motorsports Report (10258) 12.00-12.30am Car on Ice (90914)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sky Sports Centre (36242) 7.30 Racing News (28277) 8.00 Wrestling (38838) 9.00 Aerobics Oz Style (44797) 9.30 Tight Lines (87258) 10.30 Netbusters (88180) 12.00 One-day International Cricket: South Africa v England (1705161) 8.30 Sky Sports Centre (88398) 9.30 Ringside Boxing (27722) 11.30 International Cricket *(14432) 1.00am Sky Sports Centre (77846)* 2.00-4.00 The Big League (56827)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm The Big League. Live (1333703) 9.30 Golf USA (5046364) 11.30 Skif Sailing (5158154) 12.00-1.00am Trans World Sport (5932759)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00pm Living World 5.00 Kenneth Copeland 5.30 Kidz TV 5.45 General Christian Entertainment 6.15 Colin Dye/Wake up *Europe 6.45-7.00 Music*

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (7365432) 7.55 As the World Turns (9090451) 8.50 Peyton Place (6914857) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (7768890) 10.10-11.00 Another World (1825221)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (4585432) 11.30 American Vacation (2207616) 12.30pm Frugal Gourmet Cooks Italian (5683600) *1.00 Around the World (7575109)* 1.30 Hawaii Cooks (5862971) 2.00 E Report (8915797) 2.30 Cruising the Globe (2116364) 3.00 Getaway (6090432) 3.30-4.00 Kids Down Under (2128109)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War Aircraft Carriers (4403884) 5.00 Mysteries of the Bible: Scarlet Women of the Bible (8918884) 6.00-7.00 Biography Cleopatra (5951819)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00pm Swamp Thing (6571038) 1.30 Ray Bradbury Theatre (6126372) 2.00 FILM: Moon of the Wolf (9757681) 3.30-4.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (3626933)

Keaton and Griffith star in *Interiors* (Sky Movies Gold, 11.30pm)

TLC

9.00am Painting (6570180) 9.30 Gardeners' Diary (7927432) 10.00 Two's Country (7327703) 10.30 Our House (6576364) 11.00 The Painted House (5950345) 11.30 *Running Repairs (5851074) 12.00 Julie* Child (6567616) 12.30pm The Frugal Gourmet (7838548) 1.00 Yan Can Cook (8920600) 1.30 On the Edge (7837819) 2.00 Dogs with Dunbar (2454987) 2.30 Secret Gardens (1724451) 3.00 Two's Country (2466722) 3.30-4.00 This Old *House (1830068)*

UK GOLD

7.00am Angels (8003987) 7.30 Neighbours (8015722) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (6568987) 8.30 EastEnders (6565258) 9.00 The Bill (6589838) 9.30 The Sullivans (7928890) 10.00 Bergerac (8011906) 11.00 Juliet Bravo (8828242) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (6589074) 12.30pm Neighbours (7930906) 1.00 EastEnders (8002258) 1.30 The Bill (7939277) 2.00 The Sullivans (61181703) 2.25 Are You Being Served? (2300906) 3.00 Angels (2468180) 3.30 Eldorado (1632426) 4.00 Casualty (35416797) 5.05 Larry Grayson's Generation Game (77489074) 6.15 Kenny's Comic Cuts (8838890) 6.25 EastEnders (5141664) 7.00 Eldorado (2450161) 7.30 Happy Ever After (1714074) 8.00 The Best of Top of the Pops (4735161) 9.00 Widows (4659797) 10.00 The Bill (9760616) 10.35 Classic Sport (6179819) 11.35 Carrott Confidential (4663074) 12.30am Everybody's Equal (6858468) 12.50 FILM: Countess Dracula (3482136) 2.25 Shopping (62244779)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (65819) 6.30 Pugwall's Summer (76451) 7.00 Ready or *Not (15838) 7.30 California Dreams (94345)* 8.00 Sweet Valley High (81242) 8.30 Tiny TCC (65792180) 12.35pm Little Brrm (49646797) 2.30 Jim Henson's Animal Show (5451) 3.00 Sonic the Hedgehog (5109) 3.30 The New Pink Panther Show (1068) 4.00 California Dreams (6703) 4.30-*5.00 Sweet Valley High (2987)*

NICKELODEON

6.00am Henry's Cat (5334426) 6.15 Blue, Child of the Earth (245068) 6.45 Toucan Tex (9156818) 7.00 Batfink (7137600) 7.05 Grimmy (6974074) 7.45 Nickdoon Breakfast Feast (1170277) 9.00 Alvin (46567) 9.30 Pee-Wee's Playhouse (52258) 10.00 Banana Sandwich (15703) 11.00 Children's BBC (35567) 12.00 Magic School Bus (26703) 12.30pm Grimmy (56074) 1.00 Global Guts (33155) 1.30 Visionaries (55345) 2.00 Children's BBC (90906) 3.00 The Wild Side Show (2093) 3.30 Mighty Max (4180) 4.00 Fish and Chips and Jo Raz (6867) 4.30 Rugrats (6971) 5.00 Sister Sister (4836) 5.30 Max Glick (3451) 6.00 *Ren and Stimpy (5744) 6.30 Pete and Pete* (1616) 7.00 The Odyssey (4074) 7.30-8.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (7600)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Bush Tucker Man (1715703) 4.30 Fire (1711987) 5.00 Treasure Hunters *(2478567) 5.30 Terra X (1735567)* 6.00 Invention (1725180) 6.30 Beyond 2000 (3824172) 7.30 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe (1712616) 8.00 Jurassica (4733703) 9.00 Wings (4753567) 10.00 Classic Wheels (4650426) 11.00-12.00 Gulf War (8010277)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Invasion of the Animal People (8717451) 1.30pm Death Valley Days (7924345) 2.00 The Saint (7322258) 3.00 The Buccaneers (2460548) 3.30 William Tell (1723722) 4.00 FILM: For Better, For Worse (8707074) 5.30 Honey West (1722093) 6.00 Danger Man (1729906) 6.30 The Wild Wild West (9324118) 7.30 The Protectors (1636242) 8.00 The Saint (4737529) 9.00 UFO (4740093) 10.00-12.00 FILM: The Stepfather (5958987)

PARAMOUNT

8.00pm Entertainment Tonight (3722) 8.30 The Odd Couple (8529) 9.00 The Associates (34277) 9.30 Laverne and Shirley (76838) 10.00 Entertainment Tonight (29432) 10.30 Home Court (39180) 11.00 Pursuit of Happiness (39722) 11.30 Bob (66161) 12.00 I Love Lucy (57448) 12.30am The Odd Couple (89310) 1.00 The Associates (52440) 1.30 Laverne and Shirley (31466) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight (78989) 2.30 Home Court (15594) 3.00 Pursuit of Happiness (72204) 3.30-4.00 Bob (29466)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5463703) 7.00 Kilroy (9585635) 8.00 Esther (9033600) 8.30 Embroidery (9032971) 9.00 Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery (3044616) 9.35 Kate and Allie (2241529) 10.05 The Jerry Springer Show (8285838) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (8697987) 11.55 Food and Drink (8229074) 12.30 Dangerous Women (4276684) 1.30 Crosswits (8108884) 2.00 Agony Hour (2790155) 3.00 Live at Three (1890616) 4.00 Infatuation UK (1335987) 4.30 Crosswits (3937548) 5.05 Lingo (8223408) 5.30 Lucky Ladders (1348451) 6.00 Bewitched (1345364) 6.30 On the Bed with Paula (2871797) 7.05 *Tastes of Wales (2797838) 7.40 The Joker's* Wild (1848180) 8.05 The Young and the Restless (5968451) 9.00 FILM: Nobody's Child (8478242) 11.00 Sex Life (1803180) 11.30-12.00 More Sex Life (2891838)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Black Beauty (4426) 5.30 Tintin (328616) 5.55 Batman (898797) 6.30 Catchphrase (7432) 7.00 Through the Keyhole (3190) 7.30 The Fall Guy (85616) 8.30 Only When I Laugh (5345) 9.00 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Shake Hands Forever (93744) 10.00 Treasure Hunt (43221) 11.00 Neon Rider (91258) 12.00 The Fall Guy (46204) 1.00am Batman (21594) 1.30 Rhoda (45882) 2.00 Big Brother Jake (49575) 2.30 Neon Rider (99402) 3.30 Rhoda (42882) 4.00 Big Brother Jake (30827) 4.30-5.00 Black Beauty (19759)

MTV

6.00am The Grind (85109) 7.00 3 from 1 (11068) 7.00 Close (9722068) 7.15 Awake (3558513) 8.00 Music Videos (869074) 11.00 The Soul of MTV (27221) 12.00 MTV's Greatest Hits (90203) 1.00pm Music Non-stop (60328838) 2.45 3 from 1 (6646906) 3.00 CineMatic (1339364) 3.15 Hanging Out (1954451) 4.00 News at Night (8492587) 4.15 Hanging Out (8475890) 4.30 Dial MTV (4345) 5.00 Real World London (6884) 5.30 Boom! In the Afternoon (72567) 6.30 Hanging Out (9890) 7.00 MTV's Greatest Hits (11838) 8.00 The Worst of Most Wanted (2068) 8.30 Unplugged with Pearl Jam (43884) 9.30 Beavis (60762) 10.00 News at Night (830819) 10.15 CineMatic (828074) 10.30 Oddities (76384) 11.00 Partyzone (78155) 1.00am Night Videos (7606865)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (7567180) 9.00 Café VH-1 (8985426) 12.00 Heart and Soul (5957093) 1.00pm The Vinyl Years (5980513) 2.00 *Ten of the Best: Chris Isaak* (4803267) 3.00 Into the Music (2059432) 6.00 VH-1-2-3: Robert Palmer (6953277) 7.00 VH-1 for You (4899155) 8.00 Backtrack: 1963 (8000819) 8.30 Planet Rock Profiles (8816426) 9.00 Ten of the Best Billy McClean (4991567) 10.00 The Vinyl Years (4898426) 11.00 Around (7554616) 12.00 The Nightly Rocks (5923001) 2.00am Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 6am to 7pm on satellite, including 5.00pm Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (86729242) 8.30 Aap Ki Farmaish (53353190) 9.00 Hindi Film: Padosan (90553109) 12.00 Dekh Bhai Dekh (45258726) 12.30pm Zabaan Sambhal Ke (53087277) 1.00 Hindi Film: Paras (82311819) 4.00 Manasi (11907890) 4.30 Yaadon Ke Rang (11903074) 5.00 Zee Zone (37138567) 5.30 Hip Hip Hurray (25982529) 6.30 Zee and U (11915819) 7.00 BBCD (37118703) 7.30 Namaste India (11904703) 8.00 News (37127451) 8.30 Film Chakkar (37112258) 9.00 Hindi Film: Adhoori (72526548)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm The Wheeler Dealers (1963) (67828122) 9.00 Grand Prix (1966) (11998155) 12.10am Madame Satan (1930) (63152204) 1.40 Hercules, Samson and Ulysses (1965) (93039865) 3.15-5.00 The Spartan Gladiators (1965) (15650555)

CNN/QVC

CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel.

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Richard III 10.00 Peter Grimes 1.00am-3.00 Tony Campise and Friends — Koinna

SELECTV

5.00pm Birds of a Feather 5.30 All Together Now 6.00 Hey Dad 6.30 How's Your Father 7.00 Boon 8.00 Birds of a Feather 8.30 Men of the World 9.00 Demob 10.00 Lovejoy 11.00-12.00 Boxing

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FRIDAY JANUARY 19 1996

Atherton must stand aside for World Cup

Simon Wilde believes a change of leadership would be in England's best one-day interests

DEFEAT and frustration were etched into the face of Michael Atherton late on Wednesday night. The limited-overs international series had been emphatically lost to South Africa, he looked tired beyond the point of sleep and spoke almost inaudibly, as he sometimes does when England have lost and he is searching for the words to explain why.

Yet something was different this time. He described his disappointment at the way batsmen had got out through over-eagerness and his unhappiness at fielding lapses, but he did not sound angry. Nor did he sound as though he had just read the riot act to his players. There was no emotion in his voice whatsoever.

Something seems to have died within Atherton during this bizarre two-week travelling circus of one-day matches, which continues, with a sixth game, in East London today. It is, one might hazard, his affection for limited-overs cricket. It might be reborn one day, but not before he leaves South Africa on Monday, nor in time for the World Cup, which starts on February 14.

Atherton has never been well suited to one-day cricket, either intellectually or temperamentally. As a batsman, he was initially ignored by England as too slow a scorer, and, although he has since established himself as an impressive run-gatherer, he rarely eschews orthodoxy or embraces innovation.

The same could be said of his captaincy. For example, there are times — such as in Johannesburg last Saturday or Durban on Wednesday — when a one-day match is low-scoring and it becomes essential for a side to chase wickets rather than save runs. This runs contrary to one of the main precepts of the limited-overs game, but sometimes it needs to be done. In Johannesburg and Durban, Atherton could not bring himself to do it and from that time those matches were lost.

Craig White, the all-rounder, will open England's innings with Michael Atherton in the sixth one-day international in East London today. Jack Russell, the wicketkeeper, will bat at No 4.

TEAM (from): M A Atherton, C White, R A Smith, R C Russell, G A Hick, N H Fairbrother, G P Thorpe, D G Cork, N M K Smith, D Gough, R K Illingworth, P J Martin.

Another example. Before this series began, Atherton and Raymond Illingworth, the England manager, said that they would use it to experiment before the World Cup. Yet they have given few opportunities to any but their favoured 14 for that tournament and tried few new tactics. Even the idea of a pinch-hitter came from South Africa.

Atherton is an outstanding batsman and worthy captain in the Test match arena, where players are able to express themselves in their many different ways. His 11-hour resistance to save the Johannesburg Test was a perfect example of that; it was both an extraordinary feat of batsmanship and of leadership — but it had nothing to do with one-day cricket.

The solution is staring everyone in the face. Someone other than Atherton should captain England in the World Cup and possibly in all their other one-day internationals. Nothing but tired old practice says that a country's Test match captain and one-day captain should be the same person. Apart from anything else, a shared role would ease some of the pressure that bears down on a full-time captain obliged to take part in his side's every commitment.

The England one-day players need someone fresh to enthuse them, to give them the passion that is so obvious in South Africa's cricket. They must be encouraged to believe that they can beat any team on the planet. Sadly, Atherton's lack of sympathy for the one-day game has communicated itself to the players to the point that they are no longer sure that they could beat Griqualand West's B team.

There is, moreover, a man at hand who could do the one-day job — Dermot Reeve. Reeve is without doubt the best county captain in England, with six trophies in three years to his credit, four of them in limited-overs competitions. Like Atherton, he captains as he bats, the difference being that Reeve bats inventively, outrageously and unashamedly. Nor would his appointment threaten Atherton's position as Test captain, because he is clearly not suited to Test cricket.

Since arriving in South Africa at Christmas, Reeve has spent little time playing, so it is hardly surprising that he has struggled to shake off the cobwebs from his close season, though he may play in the last match of the tour, on Sunday.

Atherton should, of course, play as a batsman under Reeve, though he need not. He might not feel comfortable doing so, and neither might Reeve. On the other hand, it might liberate Atherton as a one-day batsman. Either way, it would be better for the team and for Atherton. England might even win the World Cup. Not only that — under a newly invigorated Test match captain, they might also win a Test series or two.

Atherton's demeanour in one-day cricket suggests a captain out of tune with that form of the game

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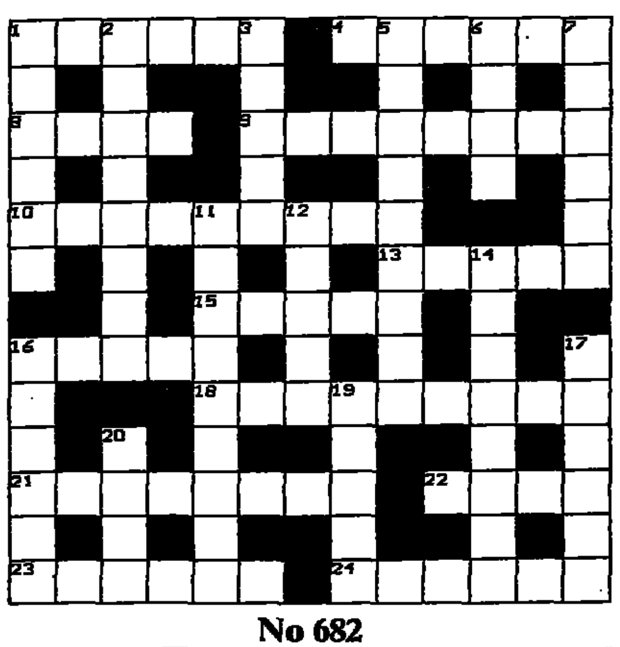

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1 Hold back, delay (6)
4 Where Kubla Khan ruled (6)
8 *(Cap) peak; (cup) lip* (4)
9 Shoddy and showy (8)
10 Authorised (Bible) (4,5)
13 Bronze-medal position (5)
15 Apple drink (5)
16 Snap; interval (5)
18 Speech for lone actor (9)
21 Settle accounts; adopt fighting pose (6,2)
22 Throw over (girl) (4)
23 Disprove (6)
24 Voice-box (6)

DOWN

1 Chide (6)
2 Instrument; plane figure (8)
3 *Item of religious belief* (5)
5 Of one's forefathers (9)
6 Unfortunately (4)
7 Hurtful (6)
11 He ate no fat (4,5)
12 Perfect example; small-scale version (5)
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Pierce strains in vain for the extra effort that would have saved her from defeat by the unheralded Likhovtseva, right, in Melbourne yesterday

Pierce fails to find champion's touch

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN MELBOURNE

A YEAR after Mary Pierce won her first grand slam championship at Flinders Park, she typically found another way of making a *dramatic*, albeit less distinguished, impact here. Beaten by Elena Likhovtseva, she is the first defending Australian *Open women's champion*, in the Open era, to leave as early as the second round.

Long on power and short on *guile, her limited game is* based essentially on hit or miss. When she hits, she can be virtually irresistible and never more so than when she dropped only ten games in six matches on her way to reaching the final of the French Open in 1994.

Steffi Graf, the world No 1 and the last of her victims in Paris, was forcefully swept aside in 77 minutes. When Pierce misses, as has been the case more often over the last year, her armoury can appear to be spectacularly empty. She barely has a defensive mechanism.

The policy carries a high risk. When it fails, her resistance often falls apart. Her serve tends to go as awry as her thought process and, never balletic at the best of times, she becomes even more ploddingly leaden-footed. In brief, she is one of the leading *contenders waiting to be* beaten.

Once she had dropped the first set to Likhovtseva, ranked *47 places below her, she began* to flail even harder in panic and desperation. She still maintained her customary flirtatious air, hoping to catch the eye of the crowd, but her composed opponent kept on catching the lines and accumulating the decisive points.

Her response to yet another failure was bereft of magnanimity and dignity. She offered no praise for the 20-year-old Russian, who had claimed by far the most notable victory of her career, and instead blamed herself for her 6-4, 6-4 loss within an hour and a half.

"From the beginning, I never felt comfortable," she lamented. "I was moving really heavily and I made a lot of mistakes. I wasn't nervous. When I am, I usually play better. Nothing was working. I had a really bad day."

Flinders Park results 38

*Mana Endo has been at*tempting for most of her life to beat her Japanese compatriot, Kimiko Date. The pair grew up together and have lost count of the number of times they played each other over the years — but, with one exception, the result has always been the same.

Until yesterday, that is. Date, the No 5 seed, had saved two match points and was taking her time to recover from an exhausting rally. In the umpire's view, she took more than the allotted 25 seconds and the official warning disrupted her concentration. She served a double fault and subsequently bowed out.

Endo claimed her only other victory against Date two years ago in Tokyo. That had pleased her. This exhilarated her, even if her opponent had contributed 61 unforced errors to her cause.

*Pierce and Date were fol*lowed onto the same No 1 court — apparently a temporary graveyard for the leading *figures — by Boris Becker and* he was rapidly in even deeper trouble than he had been against Greg Rusedski earlier in the week. The No 4 seed found himself two sets down and at 2-2, 0-40 on his serve against Thomas Johansson.

Yet Becker relishes adversity. He seized 16 of the next 19 points and established sufficient momentum to carry him through to his second five-set victory of the week. Arnaud Boetsch could not sustain his recovery and he, the No 12, became the fourth seed to be beaten in the men's singles.

The departure of Pierce and Date has opened up the bottom half of the draw for Conchita Martinez. The first seed she is scheduled to meet, Lindsay Davenport, missed seven match points before removing Rennae Stubbs, the last Australian survivor among the women.

The woes of the hosts did not end there. One of their leading lights, Patrick Rafter, aggravated a wrist injury and had to *retire, handing an unexpected* victory to Mauricio Hadad, of Colombia, and Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, the top seeds in the men's doubles, lost ignominiously in the first round of their event. The Woodies, who won the US Open and Wimbledon championships last year, collapsed in three sets 2-6, 7-5, 8-10 to an unknown, if elated, Australian duo, Joshua Eagle and Andrew Florent, on an outside court.

Cross-city move for Coton

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TONY COTON, who has lost his place in the Manchester City team, is expected to join Manchester United today as goalkeeping cover for Peter Schmeichel. A proposed £500,000 move to Sunderland fell through earlier this week and yesterday United stepped in, hoping to make Coton, 34, one of a handful of players to have appeared for both clubs.

"I think Tony will give us the right back-up," Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager said. "He's had a tremendous career and I have always felt that he should have been England's goalkeeper."

David Platt, the England captain, faces another spell out of the game after exploratory surgery on his left knee yesterday, the second operation in five months following his £4.75 million move from Sampdoria to Arsenal during the summer. Platt, 29, tore a cartilage after playing four Premiership games and missed nine matches. Yesterday, surgeons discovered a small piece of cartilage still floating inside the knee.

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"I have not yet been told how long it will be before I am back playing again, but I don't imagine it will be more than a few weeks," Platt said. "The unfortunate truth is that I have not been 100 per cent fit for Arsenal even once this season."

West Ham United took their new year spending to £3.5 million yesterday when they bought Michael Hughes, the Northern Ireland winger, from Strasbourg for £200,000 and completed a £1.5 million deal with Tottenham Hotspur for Ilie Dumitrescu, the Romanian international.

Dumitrescu, who must wait for his work permit to be renewed, is expected to make his first appearance against his former club on February 12.

England to make most of new talent

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN PARIS

COINCIDENCE means little to international sportsmen, but rugby union's five nations' championship starts in Paris tomorrow for the first time *since 1988, which, coinciden*tally, is the last occasion on which England lost to France in the championship.

Then, as now, England were in the process of change. Les Cusworth, now the backs coach, was in the Indian summer of his playing career and Will Carling played his first international in the absence, through injury, of Simon Halliday and John Buckton.

"I thought it would be only one game for me, that one of the injured players would return," Carling said, reflecting on the one-point defeat with which his 62-cap career began. One of his primary concerns eight years later is that the recent additions to the side stay and develop into true international forces.

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"I love playing at the Parc des Princes and I think Paris will bring out the best in us," he said before England's departure for a foggy Versailles. "I look at the potential of the young guys in the side and see very talented players. We need to harness the skills of the new players rather than sticking to the plan which worked for the old side.

"This is probably the hardest game we have had against France for several years, but we have to be very positive about it. This is a young side and we have to be realistic about setting goals for such a team, but, when England have their backs to the wall, they always produce a great *performance*."

Carling believes that the French plan to play a tactical game, with the transfer of Thierry Lacroix to *stand-off* half. Jean-Claude Skrela, their coach, has talked total rugby, but his players must first overcome the psychological stumbling block which England, after eight successive wins either at Twickenham or Parc des Princes, represent — even allowing for France's World Cup win in Pretoria last June.

"They're probably the most dangerous broken-field players in the world, and that's why we have to concentrate so hard when we come here," Carling said, "but they still fear England."

Olivier Merle has recovered from a slight back problem and will take his place in the France second row, where he has become a key figure.

Neil Francis and Simon Geoghegan trained at *Old* Belvedere yesterday before Ireland's opening fixture with Scotland at Lansdowne Road. Neither a *bruised back nor* a thigh strain inconvenienced the players who, with the rest of their colleagues, will take the field for the first time with the name of the team sponsor — Irish Permanent — on their jerseys.

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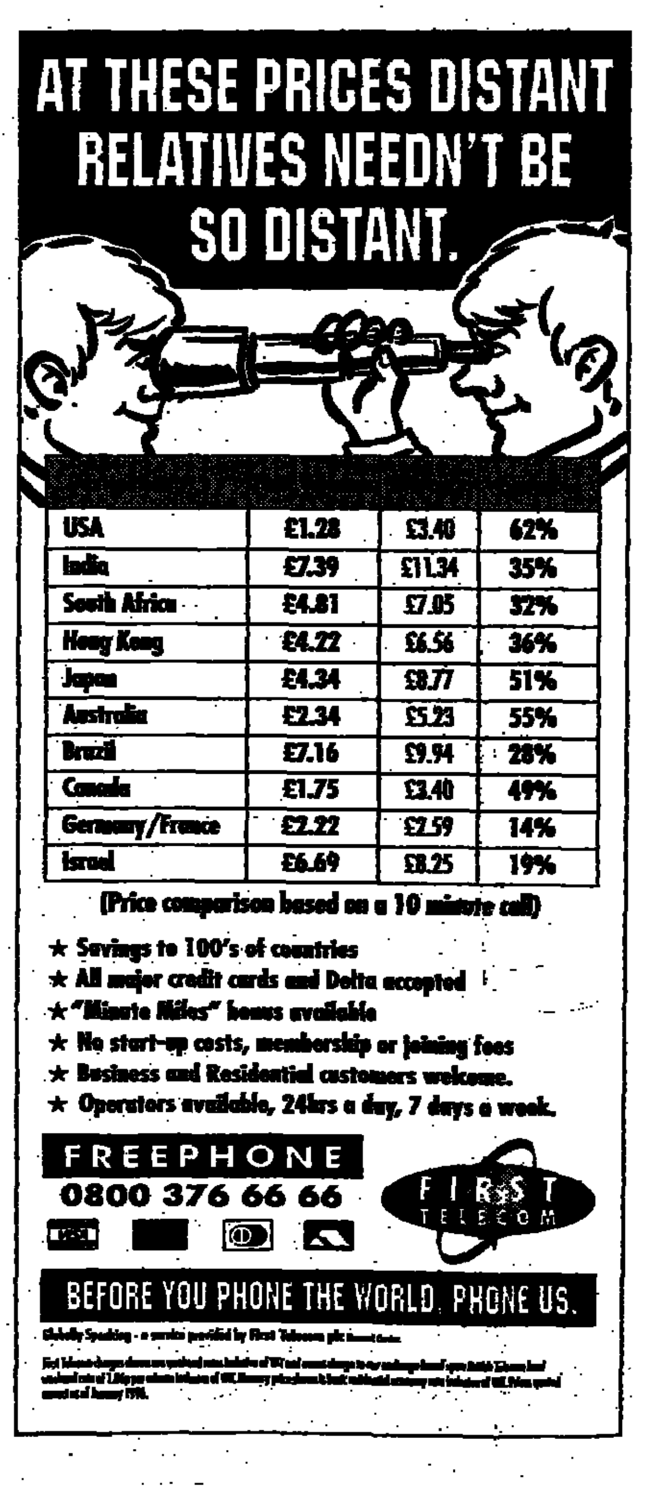

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Survivors tell of rebel escape as Russian reporters scorn Kremlin claim of 'minimal losses'

Yeltsin portrays bloody fiasco as military triumph

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND CARLOTTA GALL IN KEMSI-YURT, DAGESTAN

PRESIDENT YELTSIN declared the assault on the southern Russian village of Pervomaiskoye over yesterday and tried to limit the political damage the bloodshed has caused him by saying that almost no hostages had been hurt.

The President, appearing on television for the first time in three days, said that the military operation "has been completed with minimal losses among the hostages and our men". However, there was widespread scepticism about Mr Yeltsin's version of events, not least from Russian correspondents near the front line who described the operation as a fiasco without a coherent plan for the rescue of the hostages.

Two hostages who survived the battle and ended up in hospital in a neighbouring village said a large group of rebels, including their leader, Salman Raduyev, had escaped during the night. According to one of the freed hostages, the Chechens broke out of the besieged village with the help of a diversionary raid on the Russian lines staged by comrades from across the border.

Just hours after Russian commando units pulled out of the village and blanket fire began from multiple-rocket launchers, the Chechens made a successful break for freedom, carrying their dead with them.

"I think they got away," said Ali Aliev a former hostage in the hospital in Aksai, about six miles from Pervomaiskoye. "Maybe some *smertniki* stayed," he said, using the term for Chechen fighters who have decided to fight to the death.

Mr Aliev was among a group of hostages made to carry four wounded Chechens through the village and across the fields into Chechenia under a barrage of gun and rocket fire.

Another former hostage, Andrei Dubanenko, said that the gunmen had not executed any hostages, in contradiction of the Russian claims that at least two captives were killed. That was used as a reason for launching the attack on the village.

Russian soldiers finally overran Pervomaiskoye yesterday afternoon, the fourth day of the battle. Artillery fire died off yesterday morning and virtually ceased by the afternoon. In the evening military jets flew overhead, but the guns were quiet.

The Interior Ministry said the bodies of 153 rebels had been found in and around Pervomaiskoye. Russian television pictures showed bodies in ditches and fields. Mr Yeltsin said that 82 captives had survived the battle, but 18 were still missing. Estimates of the number of hostages in the village have ranged from 100 to 200. Twenty-six Russian servicemen had died, the President said, while all the Chechen fighters had been "destroyed".

Condemnation of the President has focused on the civilian casualties, and official spokesmen spent much of the day denying reports that they had been high. Two days ago the spokesman for the FSB, the successor to the KGB, said all the hostages in the village were dead. Yesterday Mikhail Barsukov, the head of the FSB, said that they had not found a single dead hostage in the village.

Valeri Yakov, a reporter with *Izvestia* who spent three days sheltering just outside the village watching the assault, wrote yesterday that the shelling had been indiscriminate, even before the army brought in the multiple-rocket launchers on Wednesday. On one occasion rockets fell near Russian troops, who swore and cursed their commanders.

Mr Yeltsin said yesterday the Russian military might escalate the war in Chechenia and launch an offensive into the areas in the southern hills where General Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen separatist leader, is based.

Muscovites stay cynical

Moscow: "The country is a mess and those in power are a mess," Pyotr Petukhov, an engineer, said contemptuously about the way Russia's latest crisis is being handled (Thomas de Waal writes).

The hostage drama in southern Russia appears to have lowered citizens' already low opinion of their rulers, if judgments voiced yesterday on Moscow's main shopping street, Novy Arbat, were any guide.

A great many of the Muscovites questioned thought the best option was to pull out and give the Chechens independence.

"We should get out of Chechenia," said Yevgeni Rakov, a lieutenant-colonel. "They are not Russians. All our lives we have fought with the Chechens and I do not understand what for."

"Chechenia was taken prisoner 100 years ago," argued Fyodor Pepinov, who works in a laboratory. "It does not want to be part of Russia."

Several spoke with anger of the Chechens, a people often associated in Moscow with crime and the mafia. "We should fight this war to the end," said Pyotr, a war veteran. "All our life we have fought the Chechens. They have traded and then stolen and robbed us."

President Yeltsin and his Government received a universally low rating. "The Government got into trouble because they underestimated the situation," said Igor, a middle-aged Muscovite.

Only one man, Mr Petukhov, volunteered that he would probably vote for Mr Yeltsin in June, but as a "lesser evil".

One of the pro-Chechen commandos threatening the Black Sea ferry hostages was filmed yesterday by a Turkish television cameraman, who had boarded the *Avrasya* as Ankara officials tried to persuade the gunmen to end the hijacking peacefully

Hijacked ferry is barred from Istanbul

FROM ANTHONY LOYD AND ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

Tokcan: met Basayev, Chechen rebel chief

THE bloody conclusion to the Russian operation in the village of Pervomaiskoye appears to have had little immediate impact on the security of the 160 hostages seized by Chechen sympathisers on a ferry off the Turkish coast.

As President Yeltsin announced yesterday that the action on the Dagestani border had ended, their vessel continued its laboured journey westwards, escorted by Turkish warships through heavy storms towards Istanbul, stopping 100 miles east of the city at nightfall, before starting off an hour later for its final destination.

Even though the gunmen aboard the Panamanian-flagged *Avrasya* had initially demanded that the Kremlin halt its operation in return for the lives of Russian passengers on the boat, which they threatened to blow up, Turkish authorities appeared confident that their negotiations had succeeded in breaking this link.

"From the very start, we have tried to keep the two aspects of the hostage equation separate and independent," said Omer Akbel, of the Turkish Foreign Ministry. "We believe that we have achieved this."

The ferry halted near Karabuk Eregli in the Black Sea east of Istanbul to allow further negotiations to take place between the hijackers and the Turkish authorities. The gunmen, led by Muhammad Tokcan, are Turkish nationals of Abkhazian origin, except for one Tartar. Many Chechens fought alongside the Abkhazians in their war with Georgia three years ago.

Most notably among these was Shamil Basayev, the Chechen fighter who led last autumn's raid into southern Russia which also resulted in a hostage crisis and heavy fighting. Mr Tokcan and Mr Basayev reportedly know one another and have met in the Caucasus.

Though negotiators from the Turkish Interior Ministry, including members of the national intelligence service, initially agreed to allow the *Avrasya* to dock at Istanbul, where provision would be made for Mr Tokcan and his men to hold a press conference in return for the release of all the hostages and peaceful surrender of the gunmen, efforts began yesterday to prevent the boat from entering the Bosphorus because of the explosives the hijackers say they have planted on board.

"That [passage to Istanbul] cannot be allowed, that is against our legal code," said Tansu Ciller, the Turkish Prime Minister, last night. "We are trying to stop the boat right next to Eregli."

The Turks are in an invidious position. As fellow Muslims with historical connections to the Caucasus, their public sympathy for the Chechens runs high.

Yet because of their separatist problems with the Kurds and the need to maintain good diplomatic relations with the Russians, the Turks need to be seen to be acting with detachment towards the gunmen.

INQUIRY INTO LEGISLATION AGAINST TERRORISM.

The Government has announced that it is setting up an independent inquiry to look into the future need for counter terrorism legislation once peace has become established in Northern Ireland.

The Inquiry will consider what legislation will be needed to deal with the longer term threat from all kinds of terrorism.

The Inquiry is to be carried out by the Rt. Hon. Lord Lloyd of Berwick. He will be assisted by Sir Brian Kerr, a Northern Ireland High Court Judge, who will advise on Northern Ireland matters. Lord Lloyd will be consulting widely and he would like to receive comments and contributions from the public.

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Burundi 'in the grip of genocide'

New bloodbath fears as refugees flee camp

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI AND PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

BURUNDI plunged further into ethnic turmoil yesterday as 15,000 Rwandan refugees fled from their camp and headed for Tanzania after heavy fighting between Hutu militia and Burundi's Tutsi Army. At least 200,000 people have been killed in the country since 1993.

The latest fighting reinforced a call this week by Boutros Boutros-Ghali, UN Secretary General, for an international quick reaction force to be sent to the central African region to head off a repeat of the mass slaughter that ravaged Rwanda in 1994.

It also added weight to claims by Paulo Pinheiro, UN human rights investigator for Burundi, that the country was in the grip of virtual genocide. He urged the international community to consider ending aid if the situation does not improve within three months.

After a week-long visit, he told journalists about 1,500 people had been killed in Hutu-Tutsi violence in two months. "The monopoly of violence is in the hands of the Tutsis," he said, noting that officers in the Tutsi-dominated army were under a sophisticated chain of command. Most urban areas had been cleared of Hutus and he described Bujumbura, the capital paralysed by fighting, as "Tutsi-land". This week it was especially tense because of a general strike called by Tutsi extremists.

The envoy called on African countries to take a leading role in turning Burundi in the right direction, and said existing but underfunded UN-led observer missions there should be reinforced.

Reports from the northeast of Burundi said there were few civilian casualties in the lastest fighting. "As of last night Mugano camp has been closed and doesn't exist any more," said Mise Hitoshi, of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. "Only a few hundred refugees remain in the camp and 15,000 are moving towards the Tanzanian border through fear of fighting."

The exodus is significant because Rwanda's Hutus know the signals for mass bloodletting.

Similar signs have been picked up by Dr Boutros-Ghali. "I continue to believe that it is imperative for the international community to launch a major initiative to prevent another tragedy," he said.

This view has been endorsed by Western diplomats based in Bujumbura who said yesterday that because their governments were preoccupied by the Nato deployment in Bosnia, they had no interest in saving Burundi from itself.

UN security council members rejected this week Dr Boutros-Ghali's pleas for an intervention force, to be based in neighbouring Zaire, but agreed to consider sending "guards" to protect aid workers in Burundi.

Northeastern Burundi has been home to 152,000 Hutu refugees from Rwanda who fled their homeland in 1994 after slaughtering a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates in a well-organised genocide.

Since Burundi's Army murdered Melchior Ndadaye, the country's first Hutu President, in 1993, and 100,000 people from both tribes died in subsequent bloodletting, the former Belgian colony has been without any effective central government.

A scene from the *Return to the Dying Rooms* documentary that alleged deaths from deliberate neglect in a Shanghai orphanage

Brother of China 'dying rooms' doctor arrested

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINESE state security officials in Shanghai have arrested the brother of Zhang Shuyun, the doctor who first reported the hundreds of deaths in the city's main orphanage, on a charge of sedition.

According to his sister yesterday in New York, Zhang Jian, a party member and local government official, was detained on January 9, two days after the US-based Human Rights Watch report was published. On January 15 he was formally charged with "participating in the counter-revolutionary crime of subverting the Government", which carries the death penalty.

Yesterday in New York, Dr Zhang Shuyun said police had ransacked her brother's house and interrogated other members of her family and friends.

The Human Rights Watch report included testimony by Dr Zhang about the policy of allowing abandoned infants to die, as well as documents and photographs she brought to the West last year. She told Human Rights Watch that in her five years in the orphanage 90 per cent of the abandoned children died because of a policy called "summary resolution", which maintained the number of children in the orphanage at a fixed level by not feeding them or by allowing them to freeze to death.

Dr Zhang was eventually able to persuade the Shanghai authorities to investigate the orphanage. But the report was suppressed and she was dismissed and transferred.

Those responsible for the suppression were Wu Bangguo, the city's party secretary, and Huang Ju, the Mayor, both of whom were later elevated to the Politburo.

They, along with Vice-Premier Zhu Rongji and President Jiang Zemin, are key figures in the Shanghai faction which now dominates decision-making nationally in China.

The arrest of Zhang Jian demonstrates their intention to keep scandal at bay by frightening their critics into silence.

Farrakhan seeks to meet Mandela

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

LOUIS FARRAKHAN, the radical American Islamic leader, is to visit South Africa. Mr Farrakhan, who has been accused of stoking inter-racial tensions and anti-Semitism, has expressed a desire to meet President Mandela.

The South African Government intends to watch his visit closely. The visit, during which Mr. Farrakhan is expected to make speeches, seems likely to test the political balance in the post-apartheid country.

In October Mr Farrakhan led the black "million man march" in Washington DC which divided American opinion but passed off quietly.

Some political leaders declined to associate themselves with the march because of Mr Farrakhan's record of insensitivity. His critics have included George Bush, the former US President, who once called him the "vilest peddler of anti-Semitism in the United States".

Mr Farrakhan's Nation of Islam organisation, based in Chicago, notified the South African embassy in Washington on Wednesday of his planned visit. American citizens do not need visas for short trips to South Africa.

In a letter, Mr Farrakhan said he intended to visit Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and Pretoria. The letter carried what an embassy official described yesterday as a "vague" request for meetings with South Africa's political and religious leadership.

South Africa is one of several places Mr Farrakhan intends to visit on a wide-ranging tour of mainly Islamic countries, including Ghana, the Gambia, Mozambique, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Turkey.

Mr Farrakhan, who has already left the United States for the world tour, will be travelling on a private jet with an entourage of 30, including family members and "the Fruit of Islam", as he refers to his squad of thick-set, bow tie-wearing bodyguards.

Pretoria blessed poaching of rhinos

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

GENERAL Magnus Malan, the former South African Defence Minister, admitted yesterday that he was involved in the illegal trade in ivory by the armed forces during the apartheid era.

His confession came after the release this week of a damning report on the smuggling of rhino horn and ivory by South Africa during the 1970s and 1980s. The Kumleben Commission found that from mid-1978 to 1986 the military intelligence division of the South Africa Defence Force (SADF) officially participated in the illicit possession and transportation of ivory and rhino horn from Angola and Namibia to South Africa.

"As Chief of the SADF, I was approached in the late 1970s by the Chief of Staff Intelligence with the request that Unita [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] be assisted in the selling of their ivory," General Malan said. "This made sense, since in this way Unita could also make a contribution to the cost of the provisions that were supplied to them by the SADF."

As Defence Minister between 1980 and 1989, General Malan was instrumental in planning and implementing South Africa's covert military support for the right-wing Unita rebels of Jonas Savimbi in their war against Angola's Marxist government forces. During this period Angola suffered large-scale destruction of wildlife and thousands of elephants were slaughtered. The report confirmed long-held suspicions of the defence force's role in the illegal ivory trade.

General Malan, who goes on trial for murder in connection with hit squad activities in the 1980s, said he was responsible for financial decisions and personally gave permission for the creation of a trade channel. He also admitted he knew of a front company used for smuggling ivory.

The report will be given to the Attorney-General.

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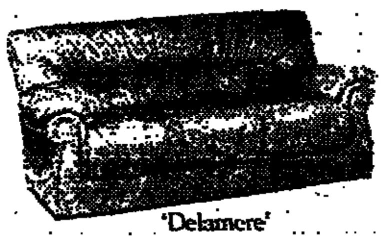

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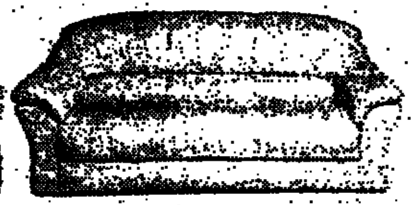

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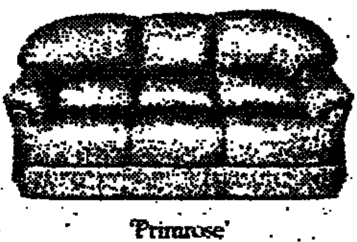

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Neo-Nazis blamed as asylum-seekers die in hostel blaze

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

A BLAZE yesterday roared through a foreigners' hostel in Germany, killing at least nine people and raising fears of a new wave of racist-inspired violence.

Three masked men hurled petrol bombs into the house, which lies close to the historic centre of Lübeck in northern Germany, witnesses said. Police, unable to confirm the witness reports, refused to rule out the possibility of a technical defect until they were able to enter the glowing shell of the house.

But all signs yesterday seemed to point to arson. Three youths — one a skinhead carrying a far-right political biography — were detained close to the hostel and were being interrogated.

Detectives trawled through clubs and pubs frequented by neo-Nazi sympathisers. The hostel, a four-storey, timber-raftered building, was recently given a clean bill after inspection by city surveyors, supporting the idea that an electrical fault was not to blame.

If the fire turns out to be politically motivated, it will be the worst such tragedy in four years of neo-Nazi arson. It is barely eight months since youths set ablaze the synagogue in Lübeck, the second such attack on the synagogue in two years.

The attack stirred memories of the Hitler era, and in particular the 1938 Kristallnacht, when synagogues were burnt down throughout Germany: the attacks stirred international outrage, but the culprits have never been found.

The two synagogue fires and the petrol bombing of a Turkish home in nearby Mölln in 1994 have given the area — previously regarded as one of the most tolerant parts of Germany — a reputation for being a nest of neo-Nazis.

The hostel was officially the temporary home of about 50 Africans, Asians and Arabs who were waiting for their asylum requests to be processed, but the number of people sleeping in the house in the early hours of yesterday morning was closer to 65.

Some threw themselves off the roof, clutching their babies. Others ran out with flames licking their pyjamas and scorching their hair. The death toll rose throughout the day: the nine confirmed dead included three children, with another child on the critical list. Twenty others were seriously injured, many of them with fractured skulls.

The fire underlines how fragile social peace has become in Germany. In 1993-1994, scarcely a week went by without some attack on foreigners.

Right-wing extremists, skinheads and young thugs fell in love with their own brutality, boasting of their appearance on television in front of a blazing home or of drunken hunting expeditions against frightened foreign students and refugees.

The mood seemed to ease when liberal asylum laws were tightened. A few far-right parties were banned. Courts were encouraged to prosecute youths flaunting the swastika or making Hitler salutes. Police — sleepy, underpaid and under-equipped in eastern Germany — became more alert.

But the violence never entirely disappeared, it simply slipped beneath the surface. The far Right lost voters in the October 1994 general elections and continued to lose members throughout 1995, but the perverse romance of underground politics continued to draw young unemployed Germans. They have been organising intensely, using e-mail and the Internet to exchange information.

Lübeck is on the border of former East Germany — the three youths detained yesterday came from Mecklenburg in the east — and is a short drive from Denmark, where some German-language neo-Nazi publications are printed. The neo-Fascist rock band, Kraftschlag, plays locally and, with its throbbing lyrics about the ugliness of foreigners, has picked up a large following that goes well beyond the 2,500 officially described as right-wing extremists by the regional police.

In terms of sheer numbers these groupings are insignificant, but their xenophobic violence sends ripples of panic through the German political establishment. Earlier this week President Weizman of Israel talked of the ghosts of the past and warned Germans to be vigilant about neo-Nazi activity. Many Germans regarded his comments as misplaced, exaggerated or out of date. The Lübeck fire may end that complacency.

Catalogue of violence

A pattern of racist attacks by the far Right has been established and, although there is now a larger gap between incidents, it has clearly not abandoned its violent agenda.

November 1992: Arson attack in Mölln, killing three Turks.

May 1993: Five Turks killed in Solingen fire.

March 1994: Lübeck synagogue set on fire.

May 1994: Forty drunken neo-Nazis chase and assault African students in the streets of Magdeburg.

July 1994: Vandals damage Buchenwald concentration camp.

September 1994: African student hurled out of moving train in Berlin.

Winter 1994-95: Turkish and foreign homes are repeatedly attacked.

May 1995: Lübeck synagogue set alight again.

Firemen at the Lübeck hostel which was home to 65 Asians, Africans and Arabs

Nato faces first test in policing Bosnian accord

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

AMERICAN surveillance satellites, CIA teams, Nato reconnaissance helicopters and ground patrols will combine today to check whether the former warring factions in Bosnia-Herzegovina have complied with the first stage of the peace agreement signed in Dayton, Ohio.

For today is "D plus 30" when the Serb and Muslim/Croat forces should have withdrawn from the zones of separation that run two kilometres either side of an agreed ceasefire line.

It will be the crucial first test for Operation Joint Endeavour, the Nato-led mission to implement the accord, which by the middle of next month, will involve about 60,000 troops from more than 30 countries.

Reconnaissance patrols have reported that all the warring factions appear ready to comply with the first deadline. Many troops have been dispersed.

By today all armed civilians should have disbanded, all foreign military units, such as the 1,000 or so Mujahidin who fought with the Bosnian government forces, should have left the country, mines in the zones of separation should be destroyed or removed, and prisoners exchanged.

British troops in Bosnia, now numbering nearly 11,000 and building up to a total of 13,000 by next month, are spread across 20 locations, many in Serb territory. Army sources said the British units have developed good relations with the Serbs.

The British force, which has command of Nato's southwest sector, has three batteries of heavy guns, the new 155mm AS90 self-propelled artillery pieces and 28 helicopters.

American officials said US intelligence assets, including CIA teams, had offered to help to support Nato's peacekeeping mission and to ensure compliance by the former antagonists.

A key responsibility of the CIA was to warn against terrorist attacks on Nato forces, the American officials said. One fear was that Mujahidin fighters would pose a threat to American troops deployed in Bosnia but Nato officials now seem confident that most have left.

About 100 Mujahidin are still in northwest Bosnia, near Bihac, but they are expected to be gone by today's deadline, once Croatia has given permission for them to travel to Zagreb for flights out of the country.

Another deadline is the removal of military forces from the Sarajevo zone of separation. Although the withdrawal appears to be on schedule, Nato commanders continue to face difficulties in persuading Sarajevo's Serb population of at least 70,000 to remain.

Sarajevo is due to be reunified by March 19 but many Serb residents fear retribution for the Serb bombardment of the city.

Richard Holbrooke, the US envoy and chief negotiator at the Dayton peace talks, flew into Sarajevo yesterday to see whether Bosnia's rival factions would meet the first deadline, which passes at midnight tonight.

One deadline is unlikely to be met. The Bosnian Government is still refusing to release Serb prisoners until the Serbs reveal the location of 24,000 Muslims it claims are missing. The official number of prisoners to be exchanged is only 900.

Simitis replaces Papandreou after cliffhanger election

From John Carr in Athens

GREECE'S ruling Socialists last night chose a former Industry Minister, Costas Simitis, to serve as Prime Minister until elections due in the autumn next year.

Mr Simitis, 59, beat his newest rival, Akis Tsochatzopoulos, the Interior Minister, in a two-round cliffhanger by 86 votes to 75. After the ballot, Mr Simitis pledged "a new way of exercising power". He is favoured by Greek business for his technocrat talents, despite his professed centre-left orientation.

The 167 parliamentary deputies of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) spent most of this week working out how to elect a new head of government from its ranks, after Andreas Papandreou, who has been critically ill for almost two months, resigned the premiership on Monday. The first round of the vote brought Mr Simitis to a dead heat with Mr Tsochatzopoulos, with 53 votes each.

Gerasimos Arsenis, the Defence Minister who was considered a favourite to win the succession, was unexpectedly knocked out in the first round by Mr Tsochatzopoulos, who had rallied those Socialist deputies still loyal to Mr Papandreou.

The result showed that a surprising portion of the Pasok establishment is still under the spell of its ailing founder and leader. Mr Tsochatzopoulos, a founder member of the party and Mr Papandreou's most trusted lieutenant, is the classic grey-suited apparatchik, preferring the art of quiet power-brokering over public display.

He had deputised for Mr Papandreou throughout his illness, using his control over Pasok's party machine to twist the arms of waverers.

Mr Simitis, who has left few clues about his policy, is expected to follow Mr Papandreou's own practice of not making waves in relation to the European Union.

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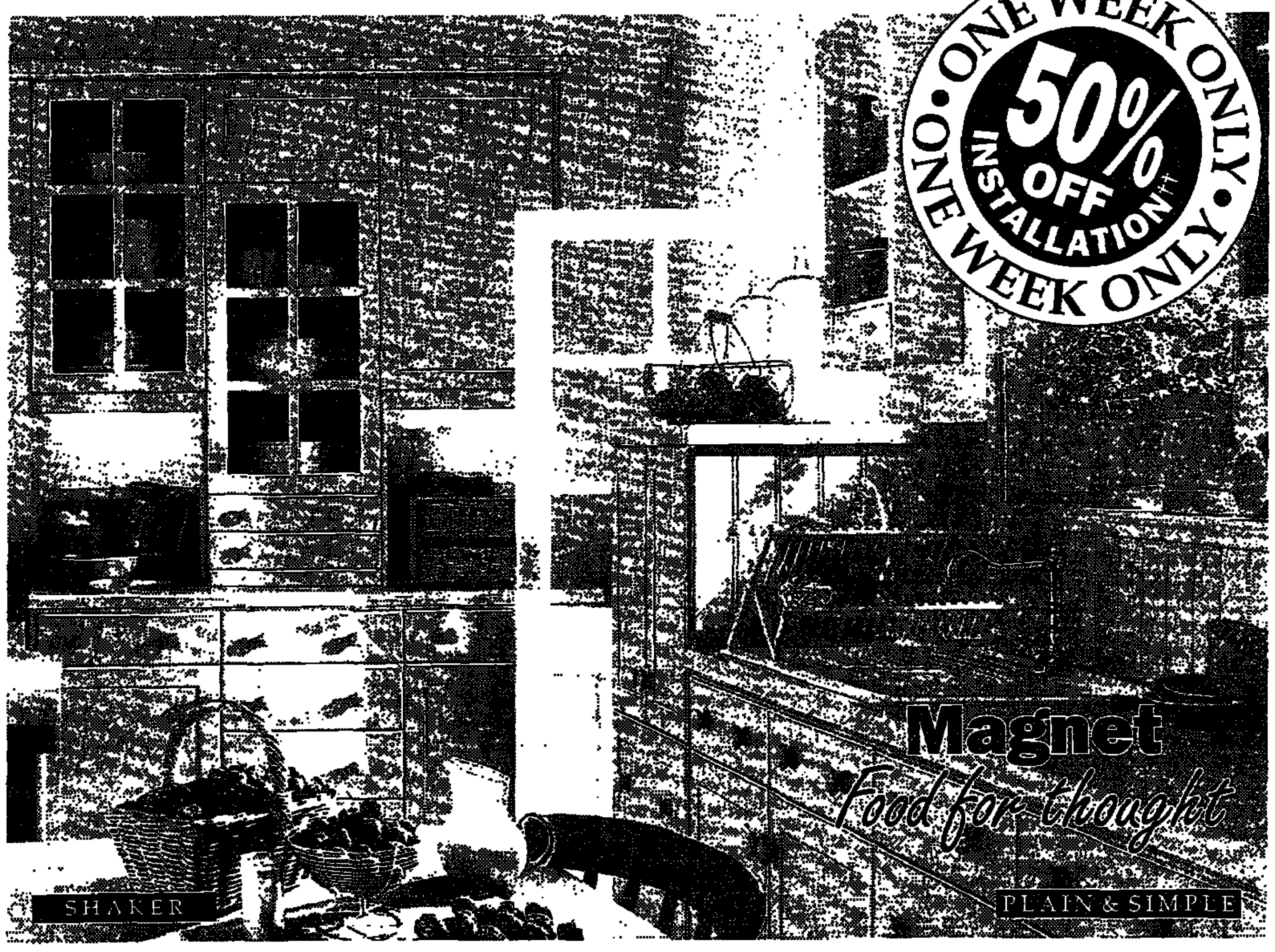

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‘I am driven, and my children have suffered’

Mary Riddell talks to Esther Rantzen about the successful relaunch of her career

Very egalitarian, a desk on the open-plan office floor. Some little trick of positioning or physical presence decrees, however, that — even to the optically-challenged — Esther is instantly visible from 25 yards.

There she is, head and shoulderpads above the toiling hordes, poised on one of those twirly chairs designed to display the splendid Rantzen legs to maximum advantage. As always, centre stage.

The just-one-of-the-troops routine suitably established, we repair to Esther's boudoir — a nest so flounced and flower-sprigged that you might imagine yourself to be starring in a John Lewis soft furnishings window display.

And yes, she admits rather unnecessarily, she does have a tendency to hog the limelight. Why, she still remembers the time, ten years ago, when she was summoned to hospital to hear the results of her husband, Desmond Wilcox's, heart tests.

"He was sitting in bed in this natty little green sleeveless dress, talking into a mobile phone. I thought it couldn't be that bad, but he told me he had to have open-heart surgery that afternoon."

Whereupon she fainted. "Esther," said Dessy severely, peering over the side of his trolley at the heap of designer suiting, sheeny tights and rhinestone rings loosely arranged on the floor. "Do get up. This is *my* moment."

"Well, I did see what he meant," says Esther, who is not so unsubtle that she cannot take a hint. Dessy, of course, recovered, and their marriage resumed a course that she regards as "challengingly idyllic".

"Esther," Desmond told her only the other day, as she was struggling to find a party frock, "you remind me of a circus elephant flapping in the wings." In the wings? Esther? Surely not. Even in Rantzen terms, this has been a high-profile time. Her BBC2 afternoon talk show *Esther* was this week firmly established as the runaway leader in the ratings. Yesterday the Princess of Wales launched an appeal for her charity, Childline. And, in a few weeks, BBC1's *Hearts of Gold* begins a new series.

But it is *Esther* which has reboosted her career and established her as the British Oprah Winfrey. "I don't mind that label, but I'm surprised. I said, I'm too ugly for this. Look at all the bags and sags and teeth and things."

I had met Esther some years ago and retained a vague memory of a straggle-haired, snaggle-toothed missionary, perspiring with zeal inside a shell of bus conductress maroon.

Nothing could be more at variance with the current image. Her hair is an artfully-fronded blonde bubble, her black suit restrained and expensive, her complexion digestive-biscuit beige.

The equine side of Esther is no more. Gone is the catarrhal donkey laugh, gone the famous teeth — retracted now, through dentistry or willpower, behind a neat bow of frosted apricot lipstick.

So is it not a little disingenuous, Esther, to play the ugly-old-me card, when you are nothing of the kind? "I suppose I am vain. I once hoped that I could be charming and rather poignant, wearing the same tracksuit day in, day out. Then I realised you had to put in the time. Looking as good as you can is part of the job. People judge you."

DES JENSON

Esther Rantzen: "I never intend to cause offence"

In the past, this judgment has been harsh. The peevish complaints by those she thought her friends to the BBC's Director-General at the time of her affair with Desmond, then her married boss, have always rankled.

"If you have a job which is envied, there will always be people sniping round the edges. I try not to read it and hear it. At the time, it was like being felled. I'm beginning now to put it in a box marked 'probably true, but don't waste your time thinking about it'."

And so the shell was built up. Until recently, she refused all interviews, preferring "not to be chewed up and spat out". Even now, there is a sort of self-protective restraint. She is effusive about her interviewees, passionate about her staff, and still there is the suspicion that this is the sanitised version.

That is not to say that she is not honest, for she is almost painfully so. Suggest that Desmond — who is not, as recently reported, profoundly deaf — drew the short straw in electing to leave his job at the BBC so that she could stay and prosper, and she denies it. "Desmond says that I have fame and he has reputation." Both have been dearly bought.

It is hard for Esther to admit that her most notable problem has been in raising her three teenage children. "I think they have been affected by the notoriety and my antisocial hours. It is hard to have two parents who are driven — and we are. I fall out of bed and go to the office. He falls out of bed and goes somewhere like Rwanda. It must give them less security, less tranquillity, and I do mind.

"Rebecca, my second daughter, was 16 last week, and she was very scathing that I was in the studio. Joshua is 13 and told us that he would like to go to boarding school. He's now at Winchester." But the image which most belies the happy-family picture montage stuck behind the boudoir desk is that of Emily — at 18, so crippled with ME that she had to spend much of last summer in a wheelchair. Esther has not spoken before of her daughter's illness. "I'm not saying that her illness has been caused by my job, or indeed Desmond's, but it might depress her. Whether the depression, which is a symptom, is also a cause, no one knows.

"She has muscular pain, very severe headaches and neckache, and disrupted sleep. It's traumatic for the family and very tough for her and her brother and sister.

"I have agonised about whether I can carry on being the full-time chairman of Childline. There are times when Emily is desperately ill, and I've had to leave a meeting to be with her. That's not fair to Childline or Emily, but at the moment she is stable, and I'm coping."

Esther is 55 now and, on her own admission, less brash, less defensive and just as autocratic as ever. "Yes, that's something I would change. I never intend to frighten people or cause offence, and I hope I'm not perceived like that." We are back now at the open-plan desk, and Esther is installed, business-like, on the twirly chair as the hubbub goes on around her.

I am passing the time of day with someone, but not for long. "Sssh," says an aide urgently. "Esther is making a phone call." Silence descends.

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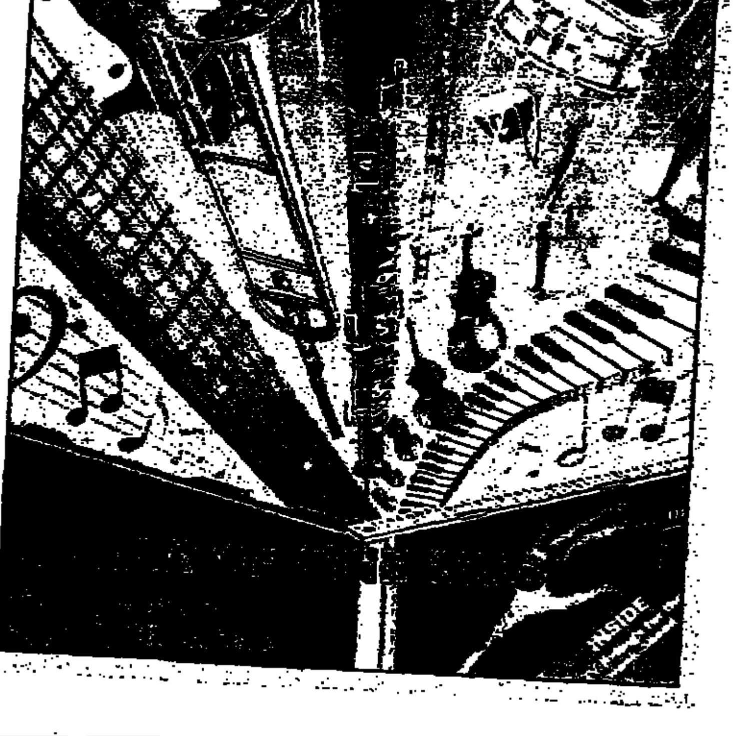

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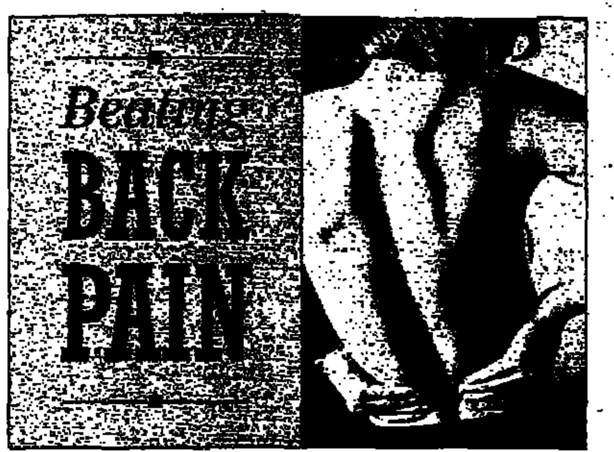

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Why my bad back will always be worse than yours

One man's odyssey with his spine from physiotherapy to Alexander, via a bottom-burning corset

The following axiom implies something unflattering about human nature: the subject that excites the widest public attention is not the weighty business of philosophy, politics, or economics. It is not even the light sex lives of celebrities, the miracle diet that will keep you young and beautiful for ever, or the preservation of animals with goo-goo eyes. It is backache. One twinge of backache makes the whole world kin.

To test this axiom you need only groan as you lever yourself up from the sofa. You will find that everybody suffers from a condition more excruciating and interesting than yours, and has discovered the only cure.

When I was first struck down, I hobbled to work doubled-up, down Tube and up escalator, and lay down beside my desk to recover. This seemed the only way to mitigate the agony. A colleague asked, too hopefully: "What's the matter, Philip; a heart attack?" "No," I groaned, "my back." Instead of sympathy, he launched into a boring account of his own backache, which apparently compared to mine as savaging by rottweiler does to a fleabite. He had had to be carried out of the Festival Hall on a stretcher.

By networking he had discovered the sole remedy with a famous acupuncturist in Harley Street. Now, I am squeamish about even single injections and scornful of alternative medicine. But to stop the drone of my friend's backache, so irrelevant compared with mine, I moaned that I might try acupuncture. To which he replied: "Oh, my man doesn't treat just anybody. But I suppose he might take you on my recommendation."

I have been working up my back problem since birth. I am tall, which gives me more extended vertebrae to abuse. My training has been back-challenging: ramrod spine, stiff upper lip, shoulders back. From Tiger Davis's physical jerks on the harrowing fields of Cheam, through Wall Game, right-marker strutting out on parade, Black Watch subaltern stiff as a claymore to keep his kilt up, and hack slumped in front of screen with legs entwined three times in the daily wrestle with words and deadline, I admit that I have treated my back cavalierly. Carrying children on shoulders does it no good. And I gave it a nasty turn by jumping over the *Blackwater* River on to what looked like sand but turned out to be sandy stones. This tore the ligaments in my left ankle so that ever since I must have walked with a limp that has thrown my pelvis into periodic torment.

My first backache struck on a bucket-and-spade holiday. Building a dam, I lifted a boulder without bending my knees. Red-hot poker speared my spine. To escape from pain, I ran into the sea and was tumbled head over heels before hitting sand. And I lay there doubled up to be drowned by the next breaker until hauled out.

I should have gone to my GP for an X-ray. But I was not sure who my GP was, and believed that pain was feeble-mindedness that would go away if treated with contempt. After three days of being able to get out of bed only by falling out, and pulling on trousers while supine, I went to a physiotherapist out of the *Yellow Pages*. She was a hockey-sticks physio to the England athletics team, and she laid me down and pummelled me, and sold me lumbar cushions for the small of my back. I still use them, though the office one sheds so much foam rubber that Thérèse has re-bound it in a pair of old tights. After about three weeks, the back pain went away, and I wrote a piece about physios which caused my personal trainer offence and brought in a huge post.

> ‘I believed pain would go away if treated with contempt’

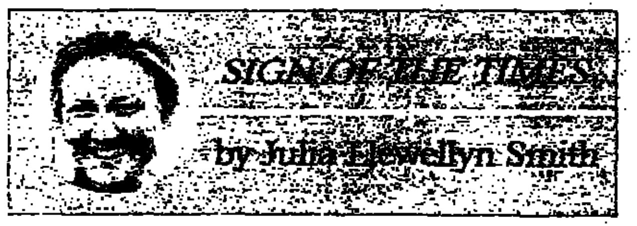
Every winter since then, towards the onset of Christmas, my backache recurs. A retired general from Basingstoke threatens to cure me by swinging a pendulum above my back. A friend sent me a corset dangling hot-water bottles, and I burnt my bottom. For my next bad go, I looked up an alternative-medicine chiropractor, and crawled down to his office late at night. I could not hoist myself up to reach the bell, and had to wait until he came to the door to see what had happened to me. After weeks of intrusive massage, I could stand upright again. For this relief much thanks.

Next year I went for Shiatsu, recommended as the only remedy for backache by another persuasive colleague, also with a much worse back than mine. His Shiatsu black-belt sold me a therapeutic trampolene, from which I hit my head on the ceiling when I use it (not a lot). When he attempted his pressure-point massage on me at home, all three Jack Russells, granny, daughter and granddaughter, came to the relief of their groaning friend with tooth and yap. So after that my Shiatsu master visited me at the office during the lunch-break. But one day, while I was lying on the mat groaning while Shiatsu-san, in leotard and bare feet, bounced on top of me, Christine, the Editor's secretary, passed by. And her imperceptibly raised eyebrow cured me of Shiatsu.

But now I have to tell you that I have cracked the problem. I am a student of the Alexander Technique, as are many actors and others who depend on their bodies. I am not yet a true believer in the jargon. But there seems sense in damning braces and blessing relaxes. I fall asleep in the resting position, and Sam the cat sleeps on my stomach. I can levitate from the chair as smoothly as a rocket. I sit relaxed in front of my screen instead of hunched, and adopt the resting position in spite of mockery of friends and alarm of the Russells. Backs are not funny. But once they stop hurting, they are true bliss.

CHRIS HARRIS

Has a relaxed Philip Howard finally found the cure?



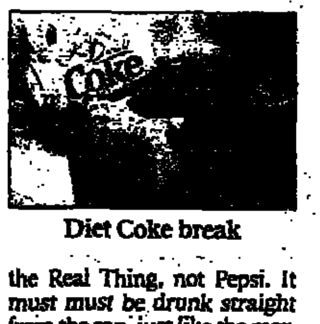
IT IS AN addiction, no doubt about it, and one that costs me hundreds of pounds each year. A morning without it leaves me trembling, pale and irritable; a whole day is unthinkable. I would love to kick the habit, but I am terrified of the cold turkey I would undergo. Diet Coke rules my life.

On any visit to a new country, my desire for adventure is tempered with a gnawing anxiety. Who cares if the country is on the brink of civil war, if I speak not a word of the language or the monsoon has just started? All that matters is whether Diet Coke is available. Last year's Glastonbury Festival was marred by the discovery that the right-on organisers had banned evil Coke with its smackings of multinationalism, in favour of Virgin Cola.

I draw strength from the fact that I am not alone in my Diet Coke-aholism. Last week, Daniel Finkelstein, the head of the research department at Conservative Central Office, was forced out of the closet when his fridge exploded. There were no casualties, but Mr Finkelstein, 33 and teetotal, was obliged to confess to having overloaded the fridge with Diet Coke cans, which had frozen and exploded when the thermostat broke down.

Other Diet Coke drinkers include Kelvin MacKenzie, the former Editor of the *Sun*, Russell Grant, the astrologer, and the golfer John Daly, who toasted his win at last year's British Open with a glass of the stuff. The Rolling Stones have a regular order when touring for 18 cans to be waiting for them in their hotel.

Diet Coke fiends all agree that what they drink must be the Real Thing, not Pepsi. It must must be drunk straight from the can, just like the man in the "Diet Coke break advert" and it must be Diet, although few addicts actually need to lose weight.



Diet Coke break

No one can explain this bizarre compulsion. Wendy Irvine of Coca-Cola says: "You can't be addicted to Diet Coke. We are delighted that millions of people enjoy a nice cold can just for the taste of it."

"I probably drink about five cans a day," Mr Finkelstein says. "I'm not sure why it's so addictive. People say it's the caffeine, but I'm not convinced. My habit began when I was a student, but it really took off when I was working as a journalist and had a desk near the Diet Coke machine.

"Then I went to work at the Social Market Foundation, which was a haven of Diet Coke drinkers. Lord Skidelsky and Lord Kilmarnock both began to drink it, although they aren't addicts.

"It can be a social embarrassment, ordering Diet Coke wherever I go, but I am determined to make it a respectable habit.

"I was once at the Reform Club with a former director of the research department and I ordered a Diet Coke. The waiter brought two. 'This grand old man cried 'Good God, no! The pop is for him'."

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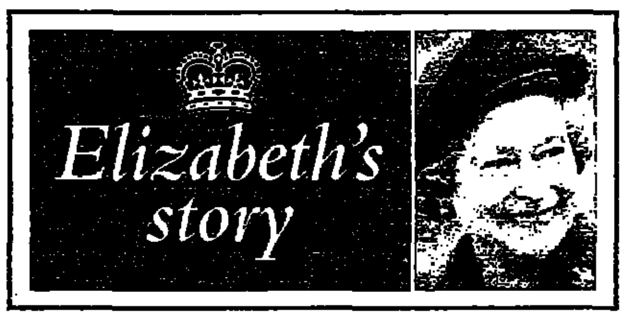
'Her life revolved around Philip'

■ Shared love and simple pleasures: our exclusive serialisation of *Elizabeth* continues, focusing on the royal marriage in its blissful early days before the King's death changed everything



Perhaps because of his early experiences of having no money of his own, Philip was careful with it. Thrift seems to be a royal characteristic. In those days the women of the family used to send their stockings to Harrods to be repaired. On the other hand, they were generous tippers.

When Elizabeth and Philip went to stay, as they often did in the first years of their marriage, with Philip's relations, the Brabournes, in their two converted farm cottages at Mersham-le-Hatch in Ashford, Kent, the butler and cook would get £3 each, graduating down to £1 for the most junior member of staff — while a visit to the Duke of Beaufort's vast house, Badminton in Gloucestershire, could cost them £20 in tips.

Beyond tipping and church collections, when Bobo (Margaret MacDonald, Elizabeth's dresser) and Dean (John Dean, butler and later Philip's valet) would dole out the requisite amount — half a crown for the "family" churches at Sandringham, Windsor and Balmoral, a more ostentatious £1 for "strange" ones — the royals never carried money or dealt in cash.

Shopping would be charged to accounts which would be settled by Boy Browning, Comptroller of the Household, and the Clerk Comptroller at Clarence House, ex-naval Petty Officer Leslie Treby.

Both Elizabeth and Philip had simple tastes in food and drink. Philip never had more than coffee and toast for breakfast: often before Elizabeth came down at 8.45 he would have left for the staff course at Greenwich Royal Naval College, which he had begun early in 1948. By then John Gibson, one of whose duties as second footman was to attend to the corgis, Susan and Crackers, would have taken them out of the garden-room where they slept and walked them round a small garden in St James's Palace.

FOX PHOTOS

All smiles at Princess Anne's christening, 1950

Each morning when Elizabeth came down for breakfast, he would be waiting for her at the bottom of the stairs with the dogs, hand her her newspapers and serve her breakfast (bacon and eggs and her favourite bread scones made by Betty the kitchenmaid).

"She'd talk quite a lot about everyday things while I was serving," he recalled. "She had a lovely sense of humour and she enjoyed a good laugh." While she was breakfasting, he would take in the daily menu book with suggestions for lunch and dinner that day and for the following day's breakfast. She made her comments, finished the newspapers, then went upstairs to work on her correspondence with her lady-in-waiting. On most mornings she would slip out, unnoticeable in old mackintosh and headscarf, to walk the corgis in St James's Park, always shadowed by her detective, Frank Usher.

Elizabeth was no cat-lover — a pedigree Siamese which she had been given as a wedding present was handed over to the cook at Windlesham Moor, a house which the Edinburghs rented in Surrey — but she adored her dogs. Even though there were only two corgis in the royal pack in those days (a third, Biscuits, had fought with the others and been given to Dean), the corgi ritual was already established.

Each afternoon at 4.30, the footman would lay a tray with a cloth, silver spoons and forks, a plate of biscuits, a plate of chopped meat, a plate of vegetables and jug of gravy, so that Elizabeth could feed the corgis herself before having her own tea — her favourite meal — at 5pm.

Tea, served in what Gibson described as a £5,000. silver teapot, would be Earl Grey blend, sometimes Indian, and there would be cucumber sandwiches, wafer-thin bread and butter, potted meat, and chocolate cake freshly made every day by Betty.

Like her mother, Elizabeth has a weakness for chocolate, but she has always been abstemious with alcohol and in those days drank nothing but orange juice with her meals, barely touching a glass of wine when dining out. Philip would have a glass of beer with lunch, a gin and tonic in the evening.

Dinner when they were at home alone together would be very simple, sometimes just cold meat and salad or sausage and mash, with perhaps a savoury afterwards.

The plain food served upstairs contrasted with the abundance enjoyed downstairs. According to Gibson: "That sort of meal might be all right for the royals, but it wasn't good enough for the staff. Mrs Barnes [the cook] knew only too well that if she served up that sort of thing to the servants, she soon wouldn't have any. Downstairs in the servants' hall … they'd *sit down to* a three-course dinner, or high tea as they called it — soup, then perhaps fish and chips, then a pud — jam tart and custard or gooseberry pie and cream."

> 'Dinner when they were at home alone together would be simple — sausage and mash, perhaps'

There would be a hearty cooked breakfast every day except Sunday — when they had to make do with boiled eggs, mid-morning coffee and biscuits — a two-course lunch and tea and cakes at 4pm. The staff also had all the leftovers from the royal table — shared with the corgis.

Elizabeth's existence revolved around Philip. Crawfie describes her as standing at 4.30 every afternoon at the window of her room in Buckingham Palace, waiting "to see the tall, lean figure coming past the fountain in the centre of the road outside the Palace, or to see his small sports car turn in at the Palace gates. *Usually a deal too fast …*"

On January 30, 1952, the King, the Queen, the Edinburghs and Margaret, with Peter Townsend in attendance and other friends, went to a performance of *South Pacific* at the Drury Lane Theatre. It was a family get-together to celebrate the doctors' favourable report and a send-off for the Princess and the Duke, who were to fly off for their antipodean state visit the next morning.

When they were photographed sitting together, the King's face was so finely drawn as to resemble a death mask, although he looked not old but youthful. Both his daughters looked younger than their years, too. It was as though the family, on the verge of dissolution, had gone back in time.

The next day, January 31, the King took the unusual step of going as far as Heathrow airport to see his daughter off to Kenya, the first stage of her journey. He stood hatless in the cold wind, his eyes with the straining, glaring look they took on in moments of emotion. *In his heart of hearts he* knew that he was, in Churchill's phrase, "walking with death" and that there was always a possibility he might not see his beloved daughter again.

Churchill, who was with him at the airport, described him as "gay and even jaunty; [he] drank a glass of champagne. I think he knew he had not long to live."

Bobo told Dean that he had said "look after the Princess for me, Bobo", and that she had never before seen him so upset at parting from her.

He died, suddenly and without warning, of a thrombosis in his sleep at Sandringham, just six days later in the early hours of February 6, 1952. His daughter became Queen in Kenya as she sat on the platform of the Treetops Hotel in the branches of a *giant wild fig tree, watching* and photographing the animals at the salt-lick.

On guard at the foot of the tree stood a famous "white hunter", Jim Corbett, armed with a *heavy-calibre rifle, os*tensibly to protect the Princess from wild elephants but also, unknown to her, from possible *attack by the Mau Mau terror*ists who might be in the area.

Unaware that her father had died, she and Philip returned to Sagana Lodge, their wedding present from the people of Kenya, to prepare for their journey down to Mombasa to embark on the SS *Gothic* for New Zealand and Australia. No news came from Buckingham Palace, nor even from the BBC.

Sir Edward Ford, the King's assistant private secretary, believes that the Palace telegram announcing the King's death which had been dispatched to Kenya was never sent because the telegraphist took the agreed code "Hyde Park Corner" *as the address and not the* message, while, at the BBC, the men in charge had decided that only the distinguished broadcaster John Snagge had a voice of sufficient dignity for such an announcement — but they couldn't find him.

Philip's friend Michael Parker was alerted by telephone to what had happened by Elizabeth's private secretary, Martin Charteris, who had heard the news from a journalist at the Outspan Hotel where he had gone to lunch. Parker crept around outside the house to attract the attention of Philip, and beckoned him out on to the lawn.

The news struck Philip like a thunderbolt. It was a moment he had been dreading — the end of his independent life. "He looked as if you'd dropped half the world on him," Parker recalled.

"I have never felt so sorry for anyone in all my life."

It was 2.45pm local time, 11.45am in London, when he told his 25-year-old wife that she had become Queen of Great Britain, her Dominions and possessions beyond the seas.

Martin Charteris, who had dashed up from the Outspan Hotel after telephoning the news to Parker, found the new Queen "very composed, absolute master of her fate". She was sitting drafting papers, a slight flush on her face the only sign of emotion.

"*What are you going to call* yourself?" he asked. "My own name, of course. What else?" she replied.

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En route to a presentation, 1963. Although he adapted well to his public role, at first Philip missed his independent life

TOMORROW

■ Sarah Bradford on the past week; and the childhoods of Elizabeth and Philip.

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Philip Howard

■ Whether duchesses are top people or not, they demand top overdrafts

Are duchesses top people? Like policemen, they are growing younger. This may be because our native image of the duchess as an old trout was formed by the peppery Red Duchess in *Wonderland* and by Trollope. An older tradition of duchesses as pretty young trollops spilling out of their cleavages was created by Lely at the Restoration court, and by the French duchess at the Versailles of the Sun King who asserted: "A duchess is never more than 30 to a bourgeois."

"'Damn!' cried the duchess" was once considered a riveting beginning to a book, combining snobbery, sensationalism and bad language. The expletive would have to be strengthened to catch attention today. And the image of the Duchess Herself is changing in our society, resentful as it is of hierarchy, deference, and capital initial letters for titles. It is no accident that the current (brilliant) production of *The Duchess of Malfi* directs the line "I am Duchess of Malfi still!" to be delivered not as a proud war-cry but as a flaky giggle.

But it is clear from the misadventures of the Duchess of York that whether or not duchesses are still top people, they *still* demand top salaries and top overdrafts. And it would help if their strangely familiar children's books about helicopters could take off towards the top of the bestseller lists. In this levelling age, *top* is a power word. The most memorable advertising slogan for our own dear organ in the 1960s was "Top people take *The Times*". It made its way into the reference books, and is still used as an exemplary slogan.

Even then this seemed true but élitist. When Claud Cockburn applied for the job of New York correspondent of *The Times*, he was invited to write a state-of-the-nation survey of America, and so he polished and agonised and delivered. The head of the Washington bureau, Sir Willmott Lewis, read his piece through with awful deliberation. Then he tore it into pieces and dropped it into the wastepaper basket. And said: "Mr Cockburn, you must always remember that when writing for the newspapers, you are writing for an elderly lady in Hastings who has two cats of which she is passionately fond. Unless our stuff can successfully compete for her interest with those cats, it is no good. And, on this occasion, I have to tell you that the cats win." Hastings, elderly and lady were regionalism, ageism and sexism of a bygone age. But no sensible paper, least of all *The Times*, wants to restrict itself to top people. Intelligent, witty people of all classes and socio-economic categories will do.

The Anglo-Saxon monosyllable *top* is also making its way into French. It used to mean the time-pip. *Au quatrième top, il sera exactement* . . . At the fourth stroke it will be exactly . . . The *Grand Robert en Sept Volumes* records an artificial silent *top* time-signal. So if some French advertising man holds up a placard saying, "Shut up and sod off!", it will be a comfort to know that this is only a *top artificiel*.

But the French dictionaries spurn the tiptop *top* as an otiose Franglais borrowing. The examples given are *top model, top man, on parle même de top niveau* (top rank). *Tu parles, Charles, on en parle tout le temps.* The interesting question is why, and I think it has to do with our unease about league tables. The *top* talk is by no means restricted to the puffery of advertising. A famous chef from Alsace used to provide a *buffet top niveau*. This is a noun in apposition, such as *pulls homme*, a chap's pullover. The fight against nouns in apposition was mistaken and lost long ago. But in French, *top* conveys admiration and even wonderment that would be absent from *de première classe*. The contexts are different. You might say, if annoyed, *c'est un salaud de première*, but not *c'est un salaud top niveau*. The pejorative connotation is missing.

Yes, duchesses are still top people. But height is not necessarily an advantage, in celebrity, stature or overdraft. The tyrant of Miletus, Thrasybulus, gave his advice about top people by cutting the heads off the tallest stalks of wheat, as an example of how to downsize ambitious rivals by topping them. The wise duchess (an oxymoron) keeps her head down.

"SAME OLD BACK PROBLEM I'M AFRAID, DOCTOR..."

Cry the betrayed comrades

The Labour candidate for Exeter, who betrayed his friends to the apartheid regime, has no place in Parliament

Bernard Levin

How long ago it was, how long! How long ago it was that apartheid ruled in South Africa and black men and women were thought of as creatures hardly different from animals! How long ago it was when white men as well as black could be, and were, thrown into jail on the slightest pretext and kept there for years! How long it was, how long, the time that Nelson Mandela spent in prison for disagreeing with the dreadful rulers of South Africa! (To be exact, it was 26 years.) How long ago it was that Alan Paton wrote *Cry the Beloved Country*, and because by then his name was so widely known around the world, the rulers of his beloved country did not dare to imprison him or have him silenced!

Yes, it was a long time ago, and Nelson Mandela has since shaken hands with the wicked and absolved them. And so, at last, we can shut that door for ever, can we not?

No, for some of the graves in that story are still crying out for justice, and as the earth heaves, they say that their voices will never fade until that which was wrong is put right.

Now for the story.

It starts with John Lloyd, and I should first warn you that Mr Lloyd is putting his own case and is not exactly rushing to give the other side, where he might find an argument or two. Yet this is a truly tragic story and it has many facets.

Mr Lloyd, when he lived in South Africa, hated apartheid, as any decent person would, and he conspired with others to do as much damage to the hated State as they could. To this end they blew up electricity pylons, radio masts, and suchlike, but, he says, did not seek to kill or injure any person, however steeped in apartheid evil.

One of the leaders at the head of the organisation Mr Lloyd had joined — they called themselves the African Resistance Movement — was Hugh Lewin, and although he and his band did not expect to topple apartheid, they were sufficiently successful to make the forces of government think them a serious danger. So far, so good. But then came the news that Lewin and others had been caught. One of these was John Lloyd himself, and he was in turn imprisoned and interrogated.

Then came the bomb — the bomb that brought down not a pylon, but a human being: Ethel Rhys was killed by a bomb deliberately left on a bench in a Johannesburg railway station by one John Harris. (There is a tiny clue to the feelings of John Lloyd. He has written about the bomb and its aftermath, but it seems that the pain, understandably, precludes him writing anything about the dead woman and even her surviving granddaughter.)

Now the pace quickens. John Harris was caught (and subsequently hanged). Lloyd had said that he would not testify against his mates — Hugh Lewin and the rest — though he did. But he did something else, and that something is what the brand-mark on his soul denotes. He sang like any canary, thus:

> I agreed to give evidence against Harris because he had so violated our code. I can't know whether I would have made a different decision had I been at liberty, or if I had shared a cell with colleagues.

Do you shudder, reader? I did, when I first read Lloyd's apologia: that phrase "he had so violated our code" (that is, that they would not harm other people). Was he playing God? Or was he the arbiter in a truly difficult position? It is difficult to say, but those who still hate him would, I suppose, call him a stool-pigeon.

Whatever went through Lloyd's mind as he turned state's evidence against his comrades, it must have been a dreadful blow — not only, of course, to Harris, but to all his former comrades. And having done his work — it is time for another shudder — Lloyd was given immunity from prosecution and moved to London. (Well, if he had still been in South Africa when any of the men he fingered finished their terms and got out, Lloyd might have lost a lot of teeth at the very least.)

Let the dead bury the dead. But the dead will not stay dead. This story is only half way through, and more pain, much more, will be felt.

Because, you see, the figures in the story didn't vanish when they left the stage: Hugh Lewin went to prison for seven years because Lloyd betrayed him. He also betrayed Baruch Hirson, who was in the same boat, and who went to prison for *nine* years. Dreadful; it is very easy to point a finger, but we must remember the conditions in which the fingers were pointed. Young men, facing years of prison, will look at horror, and turn away.

Lewin, understandably, would spit in Lloyd's face if they met, and that is not just a figure of speech; Lewin says that Lloyd is "a Judas Iscariot who should have the decency to piss off out of politics".

And Baruch Hirson says of Lloyd that "The fact of the matter is that such a man is not fit to hold public office, particularly since he made no effort to apologise to any of us or to John Harris's widow. Such a man is not fit to hold public office."

And Harris's widow herself says: "What he has done is not honourable. Worse than that, it is ignoble. He should stand down."

And Glynis Burleigh, whose grandmother was killed by the Harris bomb, and has had to have 40 skin grafts from the effects of it, says: "Unlike him, I could not run away to England and begin a new life." Refusing to forget Mr Lloyd's history, she said: "He cannot whitewash the past and pretend it did not happen. He is not a fit candidate."

But what is all this about politics, public office, candidates and standing down? It stems from the extraordinary fact that John Lloyd, with a past like his, is trying to become an MP — a Labour MP, for Exeter.

Take him back all those years: assuredly he cannot have forgotten them. Here is a young man who thought, not ignobly, that to set bombs among machinery would be to bring a moment or two nearer the purging of South Africa's apartheid evil. But then, after a time, the world shifts for him: he who was betrayed, betrays in turn: who would not betray under torture? But what his erstwhile comrades will never forgive was that John Lloyd gave evidence in court against his comrades, who went to prison and stayed there for years. Later on, Lloyd sought to be an MP, and he is now close to becoming one, on the Labour side. (If you open the window, you can hear Tony Blair groaning.)

Over the years, we have had all kinds of people in our Parliament, Commons and Lords: some have been very odd, and some of them have been very bad indeed. Some have lived a very pure life, while others haven't. Even in my lifetime, I have seen more than one MP thrown out for behaviour that even the House of Commons could not stomach. (The members of the House of Lords, being peculiar *ab initio*, don't count in this examination.) But I do, really, I do really think, that somewhere in this complicated world a line must be drawn. And I do really think — I do, I do, I do — that the line in question must be drawn on the unsunny side of Mr Lloyd becoming an MP.

Interviewed when he was seeking the Exeter candidacy, he spoke of being arrested for his political views, and said: "I was arrested and detained without trial for about 120 days. I didn't think I was a revolutionary and I didn't think I could keep quiet after that, so I decided to leave."

A reasonable reply, though he might have added a word or two about the planting of bombs, let alone the betrayal of John Harris.

I conclude with two versions of Lloyd: the first is his.

> I was approached by a very hostile woman . . . who asked me to sign an affidavit saying my evidence against John Harris was untrue. I first of all agreed, and then I thought it through. Such a withdrawal would have been of no weight . . .

And the second version is from Jill Chisholm (a journalist, friend to another accused):

> With Harris on death row . . . she . . . came to London to plead with Lloyd to retract his evidence . . . He was not prepared to change his evidence or make any statement or any clemency bid at all. My impression was that he was concerned about how people would view him if he retracted his evidence.

Choose your partners. But don't choose Lloyd for our Parliament.

Is there anybody there?

Nigel Hawkes on chances of life in other solar systems

Among the billions of stars in the heavens, it has long seemed likely that some are accompanied by planets not so very different from the Earth. But statistical analysis is one thing, actual evidence another.

That is why the claim made by an American astronomer to have detected a distant planet that may have water flowing on its surface is so sensational. For the first time, the enjoyable speculation that has flourished for a century about the chances of finding life elsewhere in the universe has been brought into focus.

If a planet has oceans and rain, then there is no logical reason why it should not have life. And if it has life, the chances of intelligent life cannot easily be dismissed.

That may seem a huge imaginative leap from the bare facts presented to the American Astronomical Society by Professor Geoffrey Marcy of San Francisco State University, but every step of the argument is defensible. He reported that two stars — one in the constellation of Virgo, and the other in the Great Bear — behave as if they have planets in orbit around them.

Planets emit no light, and are far too small to see at these distances, so their existence has to be inferred from the wobbles they impart to their parent stars. Three months ago, two Swiss astronomers reported the possible existence of a planet around the star 51 Pegasus, but its orbit was so close to the star that its temperature would be broiling.

Much more exciting is the planet identified by Professor Marcy's team in orbit around the star called 70 Virginis. Though apparently huge — about eight times larger than Jupiter — it is sufficiently remote from its Sun-like star to have a temperature of about 185F. While this is pretty close to boiling, there are bacteria on Earth that flourish in conditions not so very different.

Hot springs and deep thermal vents on the ocean floor, where the heat of the Earth's mantle leaks upwards into the crust, are home to extremophiles, bugs that live in extreme conditions. "Life is now possible," Professor Marcy said. "There is a harbour, a site, on which life might form."

The other new planet could also have water. It is roughly as far from its star, 47 Ursa Majoris, as the Earth is from the Sun, and has an orbital period of just over three years. Three times as massive as Jupiter, this planet appears to be part of a solar system that resembles ours. "It almost smells like the planets in our own solar system," Professor Marcy said.

While both of these new planets are remote — about 35 light years away — they are not unimaginably remote. While travel to them is not in prospect, communication would not be impossible. Astronomers in Australia and at Arecibo in Puerto Rico are preparing to turn their radio telescopes towards the two stars in the hope of detecting a signal, while the Hubble Space Telescope will be used to take pictures of the stars.

It would of course defy the laws of probability if the first two potential planets found by man turned out to be home to intelligent life. The odds against that are as great as those against winning the National Lottery. For life to evolve, many factors have to be just right: a star of the right size, accompanied by a planet of the right mass and in the right orbit to provide a habitable world.

Had our own Sun been just a tenth larger, increased ultraviolet radiation would have made life on Earth impossible. Had the Earth's orbit been even slightly different, the planet would have become too cold or too hot before life could have evolved.

Despite this, the odds do favour there being life elsewhere, if only because of the huge numbers of stars in the sky. There are a hundred billion stars in our own galaxy, and billions of galaxies to choose from. Although the odds against life on any given star are vanishingly small, the multitude of stars makes it, in the view of many astronomers, inevitable that life has evolved in more than one place.

Some remain sceptical. When the argument was put to the Italian physicist Enrico Fermi, he responded: "OK, but where is everybody?" It is a question that still waits for an answer, because in spite of searches using radio telescopes, no hint of an alien signal has ever been detected.

This may be no bad thing. The implications of discovering intelligence elsewhere would be disconcerting. We have only recently achieved technical sophistication, so the odds are that any intelligent civilisation elsewhere would be more advanced than us, while less developed ones would not yet have the power to send signals.

How would we react to the discovery that we are, in relative terms, still in the Stone Age? Even if the aliens were friendly, our culture would be swamped by theirs as surely as those of aboriginal peoples were by the arrival of Europeans. This is why an astronomer once remarked: "If the cosmic telephone rings, for God's sake let's not answer."

The issue remains academic, for the time being. But the discovery of potential worlds in outer space is a momentous one, nonetheless. Scientists often claim that a discovery has opened a new era, but for once that does not sound like an exaggeration.

THE TIMES DIARY

Lilley livered

ALL EYES will be on Norman Lamont as he struggles this evening to retain some momentum in his once-mighty political career fighting to become Conservative candidate for Harrogate.

But spare a thought for Peter Lilley, the Secretary of State for Social Security, whose future is also on the line. He will battle through the ordeal of the Conservative chicken-run tonight at Hitchin and Harpenden against another minister, John Watts, the strutting Minister of State for Transport. The local association is meeting to decide which of four candidates — the ministers and two others — will be its candidate.

Lilley will not be contesting his present St Albans seat, despite his 16,500 majority, because boundary changes mean that thousands of secure Tory votes will be going to neighbouring constituencies.

As Lilley is rather small, so Watts is rather large. A burly rooster of a man, his majority of 514 at Slough is made even more precarious by the boundary changes, and is likely to be overturned by Labour.

"It's like Laurel and Hardy bickering, since they're on the run," says a Labour source. "Not very dignified at all."

● *On the radio in Washington, Salman Rushdie complained that he had been turned away from the Vermeer exhibition. "I very much wanted to go," he said. "The lady in charge at the gallery refused me permission — even though she had been told by the local police in Washington that they felt there was no problem." Shortly after his radio appearance, the National Gallery of Art called him up and welcomed him in.*

Grrrr

ONE HALF of the Tory party's favourite advertising team, Charles Saatchi, was trawling for talent at the Contemporary Art Fair in Islington on Wednesday. He chose, eventually, to buy a geometric work by one Jonathan Goslan.

A large white pentagonal dodecahedron to be suspended from a ceiling, Mr Saatchi's purchase is titled *Not Without an Element of Frustration*. Which fairly sums up the Saatchi brothers' task in marketing John Major.

Unkind cut

THE *Daily Mirror* teamed up recently with the police to sponsor an impressive amnesty for knife-wielding criminals, in which they were invited to discard their weapons. The move was successful — dustbins across the country were filled with knives — and the *Mirror* has since been applying its intellect to the question of what to do with its collection of steel.

One suggestion from the newspaper is that they should be melted down to make a plaque for St George's School, Maida Vale, in commemoration of Philip Lawrence, the headmaster who was fatally stabbed. "The idea is to make something beautiful out of something horrible," said a spokesman for the paper. Perhaps not.

● *True to her extravagant form, the Duchess of York travelled first class to New York yesterday — and she paid every penny for the luxury. "She's the only one of the royals who is always honest enough to ask for a first-class ticket," said an airline source. "The others simply buy cheap tickets and expect to be upgraded."*

Knit wit

SIR COLIN DAVIS, the London Symphony Orchestra's principal conductor, who was installed as the new Pipesmoker of the Year amid billowing fog at the Savoy this week, has been swapping his baton for needles. When off duty, he likes nothing better than chewing on his pipe as he knits the family wardrobe.

"My wife wanted to find something that would be too difficult for me to do — so she came home with a knitting pattern and dozens of balls of wool. I sat down and got cracking. I've knitted about nine very fancy garments for my wife — jackets, jumpers and sweaters with floral designs and complex patterns."

● *A frightful mistake for Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office minister, to nod her head in sage agreement as she sat on the front bench at Prime Minister's Question Time. Television cameras showed up a badger-like stripe of grey bisecting the parting of her jet-black dyed hair. "She's got more roots than an oak," coughed an astonished member on the opposite benches.*

Union pride

JANE AUSTEN continues to excite the young bloods at Oxford. So much so that the Union has invited the entire corset-clad cast from the BBC's *Pride and Prejudice* to a forum this term to discuss their dramatic triumph.

Colin Firth will smoulder once again as Mr Darcy, in the debating chamber, and Anna Chancellor will interfere as Miss Bingley. Both Mr and Mrs Bennet will attend, and the oleaginous cousin, Mr Collins, will slip in as well. Eliza Bennet will be absent, however, to the disappointment of many. "We had hoped to get Jennifer Ehle too, but she was busy," says Jonathan Wolf, president of the Union. "But there is consolation in Anna Chancellor."

Chancellor: revisit

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THE PACE QUICKENS

Major may not have the luxury of waiting

The pace of politics has suddenly accelerated. Yesterday's revelation in *The Times* of an incipient anti-Major plot among senior Tories was swiftly followed by a completely unexpected cut in interest rates. A few hours later the Government announced a White Paper on Europe, another development as surprising as it was welcome.

The central assumption is still that John Major will prolong the life of the Parliament until the spring of next year — if he possibly can. With the economy showing more signs of pulling out of last year's mid-cycle doldrums, he will want to wait as long as possible for voters to feel the benefits of the modest Budget tax reductions and of recent interest rate cuts. Like any rational politician, he will be reluctant to call a contest as long as his party trails so badly in the polls. But with the political tempo increasing, Mr Major could yet be denied the luxury either of waiting or of choosing his own time.

Tactically, the revelation about a possible leadership challenge may actually help Mr Major, since public discussion of this story may help to flush out potential plotters and scare away those tempted to join, it also allows John Redwood to put down a public marker against a "bloodless" transfer of power to Michael Heseltine.

But whatever the immediate tactical advantages, this new evidence of instability and disaffection at the heart of the Tory establishment does further damage to the credibility of Mr Major's leadership in the party and the country at large. The May local elections now loom as an even more daunting obstacle in Mr Major's path.

The planned publication of the White Paper on Europe is an extremely welcome move. It will do much to calm those senior critics in the Centre Right of the party whose manoeuvrings we reported yesterday. More importantly, it should help to harden the Tory commitment to an unwavering defence of national sovereignty in both the intergovernmental conference and the general election. But the White Paper will also make party management on the Left more difficult for Mr Major until an election is called.

The state of the economy could also force an acceleration of the electoral timetable, now that the management of monetary policy seems to have moved decisively into political mode. Yesterday's cut in interest rates was overdue and therefore desirable from an economic standpoint, but its timing seemed to owe more to political calculation than to the economic runes.

The fact that the Governor of the Bank of England failed to endorse the Chancellor's action was not in itself a cause for concern. The Governor's judgments on monetary policy have proved consistently too deflationary in the past and, if the Chancellor had to override him again, he was right to do so. What was perplexing, however, was the absence of any economic reason for the Chancellor to decide on a second rate cut so soon after the one of December 13.

Yesterday's economic statistics were, if anything, slightly stronger than expected a month ago. December's statistics could easily have justified an immediate reduction from 6.75 to 6.25 per cent. The economic logic of a quarter point cut before Christmas and another quarter point yesterday was much harder to understand.

Political logic was another matter. Before the new year the Government was undoubtedly planning to play a long game to the general election. If the Chancellor cut interest rates too aggressively, he might have been forced to start raising them again by early 1997. He might also have weakened the case for an expansionary pre-election Budget in November. If, however, there is now a serious chance that the Government may not be able to survive until the end of 1996, the political calculation is transformed. Monetary policy must be loosened as quickly as the economic indicators and the financial markets permit.

Fortunately this happens also to be the right policy for an economy which is still struggling mith mass unemployment and has ample potential for non-inflationary growth. A more expansionary economic policy may not be enough to save Mr Major. But some acceleration in the economy alongside the political cycle will do no harm — either to the Tories or to Britain.

LAMONT'S ODYSSEY

Harrogate's Tories should embrace the bold rebel

The Tories of Harrogate, the Yorkshire spa town famous for tea-rooms, good sense and toffee, should prepare the fatted calf this evening. The members of the association in this comfortably Conservative seat have the opportunity to select Norman Lamont, the Tories' prodigal son, as their new candidate. They should take it.

Since leaving the Chancellorship Mr Lamont has shown litle inclination to opt for the gentle decline into irrelevance of many former ministers. From his barbed resignation statement to his championing of John Redwood's leadership campaign, Mr Lamont has shown his willingness not just to march towards the sound of gunfire but to fire more than a few rounds himself.

Mr Lamont's past dissent might not, at first, recommend him to the Harrogate Conservative Association. Its members would be mistaken, however, to allow this to obscure his record as a distinguished Chancellor of the Exchequer. Whatever one's arguments about individual items of policy, the Tory party does not have so many MPs of stature that it can afford to lose one unnecessarily.

It is the mark of good parliamentary management — on which the Prime Minister rightly prides himself — to be able to make use of talented rebels. We can particularly recall in this column how Russell and Gladstone's attempts at parliamentary reform in 1866 were thwarted by the Adullamite Liberals under *Times* leader-writer and Calne MP Robert Lowe. The Government fell but when Gladstone came to power in 1874 he made Lowe his Chancellor. From Gladstone to Thatcher, the most energetic administrations have used their outsiders.

Mr Lamont's eagerness to fight for the reelection of a Conservative government stands in marked contrast to too many of his colleagues. Fifty sitting Tory MPs have already signalled their intention not to stand at the next general election. They may lack the stomach for the struggle, but Mr Lamont is willing to forgo an easy life of ermined leisure and City sinecures. He deserves the chance to stand.

The loss of 50 experienced members from the Tory benches cannot be easily borne by a party that has so felt the want of wise counsel. Mr Lamont will be all the more valuable to them after what promises to be a difficult election. He should be allowed his due part to play in shaping the future of his party. His speeches and articles, particularly on Europe, have stiffened Tory sinews after Maastricht, allowing him to claim, with some satisfaction, after last year's party conference: "We are all sceptics now."

There are particular reasons why Harrogate Tories would be fortunate to have Mr Lamont as a member. They have been ill-served by the charmless incumbent, Robert Banks. A cavalier like Mr Lamont would bring colour to Conservatism in the West Riding. Perhaps, most importantly, the Tories will be under pressure to hold Harrogate from a strong Liberal Democrat challenge. In his 25 years as MP for Kingston upon Thames, Mr Lamont has had to beat back sustained Lib Dem attack. He knows the enemy, and how to defeat them.

In his last speech to the Tory party conference as Chancellor Mr Lamont promised, in the words of Tennyson's *Ulysses*, "to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield". He also knows, in Tennyson's words, "how dull it is to pause, to make an end, to rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use". Mr Lamont has been forced to wander too long in search of a safe harbour. If he found rest in Harrogate, he would serve Harrogate well.

MR ROBINSON

'Male typist claims discrimination by office agency'

Tap, tap . . . Who's there? A male. A male who? A male typist, typecast and ready to haul you to a tribunal before you can say "55-words-per-minute or my name's not Olivetti . . ."

This is a story of our perplexing times. Alan Robinson, a twinkle-fingered man-typist from Leeds has just lost his case against a recruitment agency for secretaries. His allegation, that he had been discriminated against by Office Angels — the agency in question — because of testosterone in his typing, was yesterday dismissed by an industrial tribunal. The tribunal's reasons we report on another page: let it suffice here, in expository shorthand, that Mr Robinson appears to have lost on a technicality.

We urge Mr Robinson not to lose heart, nor even to drown his typewriter in a dozen bitter pints of Tetley's. He must pack up his troubles in his old kit bag and type, type, type. Tachygraphy — unlike fortune-telling or child-bearing — is not just a female art. As many men practise it today as do women, although more often for themselves than for another person. And it was not until after the First World War that women clack-clacked their way to the head of the typing pool: before that men ruled the world of the inky ribbon, and ruled it well.

Mr Remington's early machines were unwieldy beasts, heavy of body and obstinate of key. Bashing a letter out — whether long or short — called for a burliness of which few girls of the age boasted. If T. S. Eliot's typist in *The Waste Land* — the first recorded woman typist in English poetry — was already home "at teatime" and laying out "food in tins", it was because she was worn out with the fatigue of her vocation. It was only when the war was over, the men scarcer and the typewriters sweeter-keyed that women began to colonise the position to which the unhappy Mr Robinson now aspires.

There is a proverb from Africa — the continent, in fact, of the Secretary bird — which says that women "hold up half the sky". We are not told who, or what, holds up the other half, but we have a hunch that it is the men. Hands that hold up half the sky can surely find their way around the less vast keyboard of a typewriter. Let Mr Robinson try and type again: he should have much better luck next time. He is already more famous than he was before his first rejection.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Granada takeover bid for Forte

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, As a former President of the Board of Trade, the first Chairman of the Takeover Panel, one-time President of the Wider Share Ownership Council, and of the British Hotels and Restaurants Association, I welcome your editorial (January 18; see also letters, January 13, 15) warning of the consequences of a Granada victory over Forte. I should say that I also have a family connection to the Fortes, and am a small shareholder in Mercury Asset Management, which holds 15 per cent of Forte and is said to control its fate.

In my view it would be a tragedy for this country, and for the City, if Forte were destroyed in this way. It is a well-established British company woven into the fabric of society, as well as a substantial foreign exchange earner in an increasingly important commercial sector.

Forte's share price in recent years may not have shone. But the company has performed well in very difficult times when many hotel companies have gone to the wall. Now, the hotel trade is beginining to boom again and Forte stands to make excellent profits. These should be reaped by Forte and its shareholders and not lost in an asset-stripping exercise reminiscent of the worst excesses of the 1980s. Shareholders, customers, employees, and the City's reputation would all suffer from Forte's destruction by Granada. It would be against the public interest.

I am confident that when the City institutions consider the wide implications of the bid they will reject it.

Yours faithfully,
SHAWCROSS,
House of Lords.
January 18.

Lottery and charities

From the Chief Executive of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sir, I was pleased to read (report, January 16) some medical charities reporting healthy increases in income in the last year. The returns available show that larger medical research charities have been able to increase their income from planned giving and from legacies, but not from discretionary income.

Unfortunately, as our research into the impact of the National Lottery on charitable giving shows, there appears to be a downturn in discretionary giving to street collections, raffles, coffee mornings, etc.

Our latest figures suggest that the percentage of people actually donating to charity has dropped by some 10 per cent. A number of charities, especially the larger ones, may be able to offset any impact of this reduction by changing their fundraising strategies, although the evidence for this is mixed. It is, however, much more difficult for charities with fewer resources, or those who are very dependent on individual donations, to diversify in a short period of time.

The Home Office has recently announced a most welcome programme of research which will give a comprehensive picture of the impact the lottery has had on charitable income.

In the meantime, it is important that all those concerned with charitable giving are able to get across the message that the best way of giving to charity is through direct donations.

Yours faithfully,
STUART ETHERINGTON,
Chief Executive,
National Council for
Voluntary Organisations,
Regent's Wharf,
8 All Saints Street, N1.
January 16.

Lord Colyton

From Mr Andrew Roberts

Sir, Far from disregarding "the golden rule" that politicians should not be definitive about predictions, Henry Hopkinson, Lord Colyton (obituary, January 10) did not actually use the word "never" in the House of Commons in specific relation to Cyprus's future sovereignty.

What he said was, "I am not going as far as that this afternoon", and read out word-for-word the statement which the Cabinet had agreed that morning and which, had it not been for flu, would have been delivered by his Colonial Office superior, Oliver Lyttelton.

Nor was Hopkinson really a "reactionary" over African affairs, although he did believe, along with his friend and colleague Lord Salisbury and many others, that decolonisation was being pursued by Macmillan and Macleod at a pace too fast for Westminster-style democracy to survive once the British left. In view of the plight of democracy and human rights in Africa today, who can doubt they were right?

Colyton was personally friendly with Jomo Kenyatta, Kenneth Kaunda and many other black African leaders, and his deep understanding of African affairs was widely acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW ROBERTS,
2 Tite Street, SW3.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Issues at stake in continuing Newbury bypass protest

From the Chief Executive of the Wildlife Trusts and others

Sir, The protests over the Newbury bypass have been portrayed by much of the press recently as the actions of a rag-tag bunch of rent-a-mob activists trying to stop a perfectly reasonable new road which has widespread public support.

This is highly misleading. Building the road would cause serious damage to one of the most beautiful parts of southern England and several sites of major importance for wildlife. These include the Kennet and Lambourn valleys (both rivers have been designated sites of special scientific interest, so are protected in law), Snelsmore Common SSSI and a local nature reserve at Rack Marsh. The bypass is opposed, in its current form, by all Britain's leading conservation organisations as well as statutory agencies such as the National Rivers Authority.

There has never been a proper environment impact assessment because the entry into force of the relevant EU directive in 1988 post-dated (by a few weeks) the start of the first public inquiry into a bypass.

The decision by the Department of Transport to proceed with the road makes a nonsense of the Biodiversity Steering Group's report, received only last month with great enthusiasm by the Secretary of State for Environment, John Gummer. Chalk rivers and heathland were two of the habitats, and otters one of the species, singled out by the report for special attention. Ironically, two superb chalk river flood meadows, prime otter habitat and heathland will be damaged by the road.

We know full well that Newbury has a serious traffic problem and that a solution has to be found. But the proposed bypass route is not the answer. According to government forecasts, traffic on the A34 in Newbury will be back to the "intolerable" levels of today within five to ten years of the bypass opening. A range of alternative options, including better traffic management, would reduce congestion in the town far more effectively and at a fraction of the cost, yet these have only been given cursory consideration.

The actions of the protesters are born out of frustration with the failure of the official system to give any semblance of proper account to the destruction of a truly wonderful piece of English countryside when there are other realistic options available.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON LYSTER,
Chief Executive,
The Wildlife Trusts,
PETER MELCHETT
(Greenpeace UK),
RICHARD MORRIS
(Council for British Archaeology),
ROBIN PELLEW
(Worldwide Fund for Nature, UK),
CHARLES SECRETT
(Friends of the Earth),
BARBARA S. YOUNG
(Royal Society for the
Protection of Birds),
The Green, Witham Park,
Waterside South, Lincoln.
January 17.

From the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police

Sir, Your report of January 13 on the Newbury bypass protest stated that police had "adopted a tough approach after pressure from local politicians". This comment is entirely wrong. The operational command of the police at the construction site is mine, and I do not accept instructions or pressure from politicians, local or otherwise.

The policy of the two forces involved — Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police, in a joint operation — is to be even-handed to everyone, whatever their involvement in the Newbury bypass scheme, and to enforce the law firmly and fairly against those who break it.

The project is likely to last two and a half years. During the past week, at the beginning of that long period, our officers worked in accordance with a prepared plan, designed to make clear to everyone the demarcation between the role of police under the criminal law, and the role of the contractors under the civil law of trespass. The question of political pressure does not arise.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES POLLARD,
Chief Constable,
Thames Valley Police Headquarters,
Kidlington, Oxfordshire.

From Mr Adrian Fisher

Sir, I was shocked by your photograph (January 11) of a ring of security men needing to defend a mechanical digger, and your report that it is costing £20,000 a day to provide security for the Newbury bypass project.

These self-appointed environmental pressure groups are showing a cynical lack of respect for the democratic process. They lost the argument at Newbury after 20 years of lobbying and vastly expensive public consultation procedures. Now they are causing further cost to the taxpayer by their aggressively obstructive tactics.

Why should anyone give organisations such as Friends of the Earth the benefit of the doubt in future? They would achieve far more long-term influence and respect if they picketed from now on in a way that entailed no extra security cost.

I feel strongly and very positively about environmental issues. But I don't feel represented by this self-indulgent and wasteful behaviour. As a taxpayer I feel I am, in effect, being mugged.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN FISHER,
Victoria Lodge, 5 Victoria Grove,
Southsea, Hampshire.
January 11.

Hospital future

From the Dean of the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and others

Sir, The medical staff and midwives of Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital much appreciate the expressions of high regard in your article, "The Harvey Nichols of baby units" (January 16). But we are confident that the best future for Queen Charlotte's is in a new hospital for women and children set alongside one of the most important medical and scientific centres in the country.

Many of the innovations in care which your celebrity mothers spoke of have been developed under the auspices of the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Its work is currently undertaken on a split site — Queen Charlotte's and Hammersmith Hospital.

The proposed new £9 million purpose-built Queen Charlotte's hospital will bring the Institute together on the Hammersmith site. Our research and innovative work would be enhanced and our ability to care for women with complicated pregnancies would be strengthened.

If the hospital fails to move, the limitations of the facilities on Goldhawk Road will hinder its clinical progress and the hospital will not be able to hold its position as the leading centre in the country for the care of women and their babies.

Yours faithfully,
WINSTON,
Dean, Institute of Obstetrics
and Gynaecology,
K. EDMONDS
(Clinical Director, Women's and
Children's Services),
M. DeSWIET
(Chairman, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea
Hospital Medical Advisory Committee),
L. PAGE
(Queen Charlotte's Professor of Midwifery,
Thames Valley University),
Hammersmith Hospital,
Du Cane Road, W12.
January 16.

World voyagers

From Mrs Wyn Galpin

Sir, I completely agree with your own observation in your leading article of January 8, that the sentiments it expresses "may sound a puritanical doctrine". The Finch family are to be commended for their courage in undertaking the challenge of a long-term cruise around the holiday world, not criticised for wanting something different and potentially more pleasant than the normal rut.

To observe that they "voyaged only as far as Spain", especially under adverse conditions in the Channel and a difficult passage across the Bay of Biscay, suggests a certain lack of appreciation of what an achievement this is in itself.

It may be that Mr Finch and his family were not sufficiently prepared for such an adventure, and it is certainly a serious misapprehension to imagine that long-term sailing is a perpetual holiday; but as Mr Finch observes, "At least we had a go", and no doubt they learnt a great deal about themselves in the process.

Dreams are most certainly not just for dreaming. They are the primary motivation for us to reach beyond ourselves and accomplish great things. Where would we be without the great dreamers?

Yours faithfully,
WYN GALPIN,
Sailing Yacht *Union Jock*,
Maule Lake Marina,
North Miami Beach, Florida, USA.
January 10.

Cold peace politics

From the Head of the Conflict Studies Research Centre

Sir, In your report of January 3 (later editions), "Wars on the rise, says US think-tank", my colleague, Professor Alexander Kennaway, was quoted as saying that he never believed the Warsaw Pact would attack Nato. Left standing on its own, that remark could mislead your readers as to the position of this centre.

During the Cold War, the Soviet Studies Research Centre (our name at the time) did not think a premeditated attack on Nato was at all likely.

The reason for our confidence was not any naive belief in Soviet friendship or goodwill bur stemmed from our conviction that the Soviet leadership regarded war as a tool of policy to be used when peace was no longer helping to achieve the ends of that policy.

As long as Nato remained united and strong, and the threat to use nuclear weapons against the USSR remained credible, war with Nato made no sense to the Kremlin.

The fact that the post-1945 peace in Europe outlived the Soviet Union is due to Western strength and resolution and Soviet realism, not to any dedication to the cause of peace for its own sake.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES DICK,
Conflict Studies Research Centre,
Royal Military Academy Sandhurst,
Camberley, Surrey.
January 10.

Primary school needs

From Mrs Betty Root

Sir, I was delighted to read Gillian Shephard's announcement (report, January 6) of the Government's intention to allocate £25 million to rectify the poor teaching of literacy and numeracy skills in some of our primary schools.

The Reading & Language Centre in the University of Reading, where I was director, ran for many years one-month, full-time, intensive courses to help teachers and lecturers become more knowledgeable about the diverse ways to teach reading.

The courses met a positive response from hundreds of teachers but, like those in many other universities, fell victim to the introduction of the single-day structure for in-service training (Baker days) in the late 1980s.

The Government's scheme may be new in being a coordinated national initiative, but it sounds as if it will be reviving much of what was lost at that time. Sadly, in the intervening years, so many children have suffered the indignity of struggling to read, with their self-image unnecessarily impoverished.

Improved standards of literacy and numeracy can only be achieved with long-term and consistent policies.

Yours faithfully,
BETTY ROOT,
5 Kelburne Close, Winnersh,
Nr Wokingham, Berkshire.
January 8.

Political debate

From Mr David Prockter

Sir, Sir John Nott calls upon the media (letter, January 13) to do more to encourage intelligent debate about the great issues facing the country.

Sir Ludovic Kennedy, a media doyen, responds (letter, January 18) by labelling Sir John one of a "sad bunch of Conservative politicians", by delivering a catty personal attack based on a trivial incident that happened more than ten years ago and by concluding with a repetition of personal prejudice that he does not bother to substantiate. How depressing.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PROCKTER,
36 London Road,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
January 18.

Myth exploded

From Mr John A. Baker

Sir, Your leading article, "Up and away" (January 13), says copies of *The Times* were delivered to Paris by balloon during the siege in 1870. No balloons flew into Paris during that time.

Balloons that left the capital carried mail and homing pigeons. The pigeons returned with microscopically reduced letters that were projected on to a large screen and then copied for onward delivery.

The Prussians allowed the United States minister, who remained at his post in Paris during the siege, to receive weekly bags of dispatches, mail and newspapers. That was how *The Times* reached Paris.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN A. BAKER
(Vice-Chairman, The British Balloon
Museum and Library),
3 Wenlock Edge,
Charvil, Reading, Berkshire.

Wonder pills

From Mr Geoffrey H. Lloyd

Sir, Assuming that Mr Osborne's wife is not presently suffering from any of the side-effects threatened by her pills (letter, January 15) she should take them: they will either cure her original malaise or give her a new and interesting range of ailments to worry about. Or both.

Alternatively, the pills would seem to be guaranteed to unblock drains, or even be of interest to the Ministry of Defence as a new means of chemical warfare.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY H. LLOYD,
Longacre, 73 High Street,
Little Wilbraham, Cambridge.

From Dr John Salt

Sir, All drugs are poisons. Take them if the benefits outweigh their side-effects.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN C. SALT
(Consultant anaesthetist),
13 Grafton Square, SW4.

From Mr David W. Hill

Sir, Mr Osborne regrettably fails to name his wife's pills. Are they called "Kill or Cure"?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID W. HILL,
62 Williams Avenue,
Weymouth, Dorset.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK
January 18: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Colonel Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, KT, (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Inverness-shire), at the Memorial Service for Lieutenant Commander Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Inverness-shire) which was held in St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, this afternoon.

The Duke of York, Earl of Inverness, and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, were represented by Captain Neil Blair, RN.

The Prince Edward was represented by Lieutenant Commander Henry Bruce.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 18: The Prince Edward, Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this afternoon left Royal Air Force Northolt for Dublin and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland (Mrs Veronica Sutherland).

His Royal Highness later attended the presentation of Gold Awards of Gaisce, The President's Award, by the President of the Republic of Ireland.

The Prince Edward this evening attended the Gaisce's Tenth Anniversary Dinner in Dublin Castle.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer is in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 18: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Home Farm Trust, this morning attended a Reception for current and prospective patrons at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, Piccadilly, London, W1.

Her Royal Highness, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon visited Kensington and Chelsea Safer Cities Project, Dartrey Tower, World's End Estate, and Chelsea Town Hall, King's Road, London SW3.

The Princess Royal, Patron, the Butler Trust, later attended a Reception for HMP Service Staff at Cleland House, Page Street, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, Past Master, the Worshipful Company of Loriners, this evening attended a dinner at Vintners' Hall, Upper Thames Street, London EC4.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 18: The Princess of Wales today launched ChildLine's Tenth Birthday Appeal at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 18: The Duchess of Gloucester this morning received Lieutenant Commander Christopher Parry RN on relinquishing command of *HMS Gloucester*.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended the Windsor and Eton Society's Golden Jubilee Banquet at the Castle Hotel, Windsor, and were received on arrival by Mr John Handcock (Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 18: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Leuchars, today received Group Captain Nigel Sudborough on relinquishing the appointment of Station Commander and Air Commodore Jack Haines on accepting the appointment of Station Commander and Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, as Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, will visit Castlebar College, Castlebar, Co Mayo, at 10.45 to meet Gaisce participants and leaders; and will attend a Gaisce reception and luncheon at Ashford Castle, Co Mayo, at 12.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Northamptonshire Association for the Blind, will attend a service of thanksgiving at the Church of All Saints, Northampton, at 11.25; will attend a reception at the Guildhall, at 12.20; will visit the Nimbus Laboratories, Lower Farm Road, Moulton Park, at 2.00; and will visit Wardington Court, Welford Road, Kingsthorpe, at 3.00 to mark the association's centenary.

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00.

Lord O'Brien of Lothbury

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, GBE, PC, FRCM, will be held in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, the Crypt, St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30am on Thursday, March 14. Those attending are requested to take their seats by 11.15am. For further information, please contact the Assistant Secretary, Bank of England.

Dr H.K. Prescot

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Kelsall Prescot will be held on Friday, February 23, in Eton College Chapel, at 2.45pm.

British Museum

Mr Graham Greene to be Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the British Museum from April 8 in succession to Lord Windlesham.

Deputy lieutenant

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple to be a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Watt, inventor, Greenock, 1736; Johann Bode, astronomer, Hamburg, 1747; Auguste Comte, philosopher, founder of Positivism, Montpellier, 1798; Robert E. Lee, Confederate Commander-in-Chief in the American Civil War, Stratford, Virginia, 1807; Alfred Mynn, cricketer, Goudhurst, Kent, 1807; Edgar Allan Poe, writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1809; Sir Henry Bessemer, pioneer of steel production, Charlton, Hertfordshire, 1813; Paul Cézanne, painter, Aix-en-Provence, 1839; Augustine Birrell, politician and writer, Wavertree, Lancashire, 1850; Janis Joplin, rock singer, Texas, 1943.

DEATHS: Hans Sachs, poet and dramatist, Nuremberg, 1576; William Congreve, dramatist, London, 1729; Pierre Proudhon, socialist, Paris, 1865.

The first air raid on Britain by German zeppelins in the First World War, Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn, 1915.

The Japanese invaded Burma, 1942.

Mrs Indira Gandhi became India's first female Prime Minister, 1966.

Memorial services

Lieutenant Commander Lachlan R.D. Mackintosh of Mackintosh
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Colonel Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, KT, at a service in celebration for the life of Lieutenant Commander Lachlan R.D. Mackintosh of Mackintosh, 30th Chief of Clan Mackintosh and Lord Lieutenant of Lochaber, Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey, held yesterday in the Cathedral Church of St Andrew, Inverness.

The Duke of York, Earl of Inverness, and Princess Alexandra were represented by Captain Neil Blair, RN, and Prince Edward by Lieutenant Commander Henry Bruce, RN.

The Very Rev Malcolm E. Grant, Provost, officiated. Mr Alan Sellar, Lieutenant Commander Lewis Payne, Mrs Louisa Cross, daughter, and Mr John L. Mackintosh, son, gave readings. Lord Gray of Contin, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Lochaber, Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey, paid tribute.

The Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness said the *Prayer of a Clansman* and pronounced the blessing.

Piper M. Morrison played *The Mackintosh Lament*. The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr Angus MacKenzie. Among others present were:

Mrs C Mackintosh of Mackintosh (widow), Mr Stuart Cross and Mr Paul Dickson (sons-in-law), the Rev and Mrs F B Bruce (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Dr V R Bruce and Mr T R Bruce (brothers-in-law), Mr Angus Mackintosh, Mrs D Callender, Mr and Mrs Henriques, Mr and Mrs Frizzell, Miss M Mackintosh, Mrs C Ward, Commander and Mrs Stow, Mrs Joyce Rawstorne, Mrs Mary Garner-Smith.

Lady Gray of Contin, Lady Cameron of Lochiel, the Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire and Mrs Chesworth, the Lord-Lieutenant of Caithness, the Lord-Lieutenant of Sutherland and Mrs Houston, the Lord-Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty and Mrs Stirling of Fairburn, the Lord-Lieutenant of Nairn, the Deputy-Lieutenants of Lochaber, Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey and their ladies.

Captain D J Ellin (NRO, Scotland and Northern Ireland, representing the Flag Officer Scotland), fellow Royal Navy officers (Long Signals Course), Colonel A Cumming, Commandant Queens Own Highlanders Bn (ACF) (representing the Colonel of The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons)), Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Connon (Commanding Officer 3rd (Volunteers) Bn The Highlanders, representing the General Officer Commanding Scotland and the Commander 51st Highland Brigade), and Mrs Cumming, the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constable of the Northern Constabulary, representatives of Inverness District Council, Highland Regional Council, the Highlands and Islands Fire Brigade, the Clan Chattan, and many other friends.

Mrs Margaret Auriol Watkin
A bilingual memorial service for Mrs Margaret Auriol Watkin, Vice-President of The Magistrates' Association of England and Wales and Chairman of its West Wales (Dyfed) Branch, Vice-President of the Central Probation Council and Senior Lecturer, Department of Education, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, was held at St Peter's, Carmarthen, on January 12.

The Rev Randolph Thomas, JP, vicar, officated, assisted by the Rev Peter Thomas, of Aberystwyth, the Rev Glyndwr Walker, JP, of Carmarthen, and the Rev T. Arwyn Thomas, MBE, JP, of Haverfordwest. The Rev J. Elwyn Jenkins, of Aberystwyth, said prayers. Sir David Mansel Lewis, KCVO, HM Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, read passages from Scripture including Psalm 103, verses 15-17 (incl), Ecclesiastes, 3, verses 1-8 (incl) and St John, 14, verses 1-3 (incl).

The Rev Professor J. Tudno Williams, of Aberystwyth, a Past Moderator of the Federal Free Church Council of England and Wales, read extracts from *Ymadawiad Arthur* by T. Gwyn Jones and the *Sunset Prayer* from Dylan Thomas' *Under Milk Wood*. The Right Rev J. Ivor Rees, former Bishop of St David's, gave an address and pronounced the blessing. Among those present were:

Dr Iestyn Morgan Watkin (husband), Mrs Wilma Williams (sister), together with cousins. Professor Rhys Jones (Harvard) and Professor Aneurin John (New Zealand), cousins, were unable to remain for the Memorial Service.

Lady Mary Mansel Lewis, Mrs Ivor Rees, Mr J.E. Hosking and Mrs J.D.H. Rose (Vice-Presidents), The Magistrates' Association, with Mrs R.E.R. Thompson (chairman of council), Mrs R.A. Fuller (deputy), Mr J.R. Liversedge and Ms S.J. Dickinson (secretary); Mr W.J. Owen (Secretary) of the Dyfed branch with other members of the branch; former colleagues on the Juvenile Courts Committee of which Mrs Watkin was chairman for a decade; His Honour D.W. Powell (former Liaison Judge for Dyfed), with Mr A. Creunant Davies (chairman, North Cardiganshire Bench), Dr Elizabeth Perry (chairman, Magistrates' Courts Committee), Mr Ivor Jones (High Sheriff), with past High Sheriffs; Mrs Margaret Lloyd (Parole Board), Mr Raymond White (Chief Constable, Dyfed Powys Police), Mr Alec Stewart (chairman, Board of Visitors, Swansea prison), with past and present members of the board; Mr Angus Johnson (Vice-President of the Central Probation Council), Mr George Mitchell (chairman), Mr Ieuan Miles (director), Miss Sarah Gore-Langton (deputy) with colleagues who had served on the Supervision of Offenders Committee during the decade when Mrs Watkin was chairman; Mr Ross Thomas (chairman), Mrs Non Owen (vice-chairman) and Mr Geoff Cartledge (Chief Probation Officer) with members of the Dyfed Probation Committee, Mrs Janet Miles (Probation Officer, Crown Court, Isleworth).

Former colleagues on the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee, the Home Office Research Advisory Committees, the European Committee on Probation (Mr Martin Tansey, Dublin, President, and Mr John Haines, Home Office past president), the Defence of Children International, the British Juvenile and Family Courts Society, the Ceredigion Society for After-Care, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, the Central Council of Education and Training in Social Work, the International Criminological Society, Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Broadcasting Council for Wales, the Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunal, members of the Inner Temple, former colleagues on the staff of the University of Wales at Aberystwyth and Swansea, including members of the university's Committees on Legal Educational Terms in the Welsh language, with former students.

Representatives of the Tabernacle Welsh Presbyterian Church, Aberystwyth, the Rev Hywel Evans of Ebenezer, Tumble, Carmarthenshire (the church where Mrs Watkin was brought up) with members of the congregation; the Welsh Congregational Church, Harrow, Middlesex, was represented by Miss Eurwen Richards (Secretary).

Violet Lady Merthyr, widow of the founder of the Magistrates' Association and the first Chairman of the West Wales branch, Sir Thomas Skyrme, former Secretary of Commissions, Lord Chancellor's Department, Judge T. Lewis-Bowen, Dr Derec Llwyd Morgan, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, and Mr J.R. Evans, Chairman of the new Cardiganshire County Council unitary authority, regretted they were unable to attend.

Dr K.A. Hallidie Smith
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr Katherine Ann Hallidie Smith, paediatric cardiologist, was held yesterday at the Church of St George the Martyr, Queen Square. The Rev Ronald Partridge officiated. Dr Philip Rees, of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, and Mr Mark Hallidie Smith, nephew, read the lessons. Professor John Goodwin, of Hammersmith Hospital, Mrs Vivian Farrant and Mr William Hallidie Smith, brother, paid tribute.

Michael Crawford, the actor and singer, is 54 today

Birthdays today

Mr Peter Atkinson, MP, 53; Mr Julian Barnes, writer, 50; Miss Nina Bawden, novelist, 71; the Earl of Carnarvon, 72; His Honour Sir Jonathan Clarke, 66; Mr Bernard Dunstan, painter, 76; Mr Stefan Edberg, tennis player, 30; Mr Phil Everly, singer, 57; Mr Richard Francis, racehorse trainer, 50; Mr W.K. Goldsmith, company director, 58; Mr William Hayden, former chairman, Jaguar, 67; Mr Wayne Hemingway, fashion designer, 35; Mr Hans Hotter, bass baritone, 87; Sir Alex Jarratt, former chairman, Smiths Industries, 72; Mr Richard Lester, film director, 64; Mr E.C.S. Macpherson, chief executive, 3i Group, 54; Brigadier Helen Meechie, former director, WRAC, 58; Mr David Newbigging, former chairman, Rentokil Group, 62; Mr Nigel Nicolson, author, 79; Mr Robert Palmer, singer, 47; Miss Dolly Parton, country music singer and actress, 50; Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, former Secretary-General, United Nations, 76; Mr Bryan Pringle, actor, 61; Sir Simon Rattle, conductor, 41; Mr Malcolm Reilly, rugby league coach, 48; the Duke of St Albans, 57; Mr John Spencer, former Headmaster, Berkhamsted School, 73; Sir John Stanley, MP, 54; Mr Gary Titley, MEP, 46; Mr Keith Topley, senior master, Queen's Bench Division, 60; Mr David Tredinnick, MP, 46; the Earl of Wemyss and March, KT, 84.

School news

Giggleswick School
The Spring Term at Giggleswick started on Tuesday, January 16. Mr Michael Hall has taken up his post as Housemaster of Paley and Mr James Bellis has joined the staff as Head of Geography. On Saturday, January 20, a combined concert will be given by the Yorkshire Imperial Brass Band and the Giggleswick School Concert Band. The Chapel Choir will sing at St Mary's Magdaline, Manningham, Bradford, on Friday, February 9. The Old Giggleswickians hold their London Dinner at the House of Commons on Wednesday, March 6 and their Annual Dinner at the School on Saturday, March 23. The Dramatic Society will perform *Will Shakespeare - Save the King!* and *The Tempest* on Friday, March 15, and Saturday, March 16, with a Gala Performance on Sunday, March 17, followed by the Drama Dinner at which the Speaker will be award winning playwright, Jonathan Harvey. Term ends on Saturday, March 23. The Scholarship Examinations take place the week beginning Monday, February 5. Information concerning the Scholarships is available from the Headmaster's Secretary, 01729 823545.

St Francis' College, Letchworth
The Spring Term at St Francis' College began on Monday, January 8, and ends on Friday, March 29. Abigail Rochford is Head Girl and her deputies are Gemma Kirby and Vivien Underwood. The Entrance Examinations will be held on Friday, February 2. A joint Preparatory and Senior School Spring Concert will be held in Chapel on Friday, March 15.

Dinners

Loriners' Company
The Princess Royal was present at the installation dinner of the Loriners' Company held last night at Vintners' Hall. Mr John Northcott, Master, presided. Mr Michael Cassidy, Mr W. John Briggs, Mr Desmond R. FitzPatrick and the Wardens also spoke.

HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was the host at a dinner given last night at Lancaster House by Her Majesty's Government in honour of Mr Ali Alatas, Foreign Minister of Indonesia.

Shipwrights' Company
Mr Ole S. Kverndal, Prime Warden of the Shipwrights' Company, presided at the annual election dinner held last night at Ironmongers' Hall. Mr David Jewell, Master of Haileybury and Imperial Service College, was the principal guest and speaker. The Masters of the Watermen's and the Lightermen's and the Arbitrators' Companies, the Deputy Master of Trinity House and the Deacon of the Incorporation of Hammermen of Glasgow were among the guests.

Marketors' Company
Mr J.B.H. Scanlon, Master of the Marketors' Company, presided at the installation dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, and Mr D.G. Thomas, Senior Warden, also spoke. The Master presented awards to Ms Pamela Adkins-Farmer, Mr John MacDonald and Mr Andrew Wiseman.

Luncheon

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Mr Ali Alatas, Foreign Minister of Indonesia.

University news

Oxford
New College
The college has pre-elected to fellowship from October 1 Robert Christopher Towneley Parker, Wykeham Professor of Ancient History.

Latest wills

Air Marshal Sir Laurence Alfred **Jones**, of Government House, Onchan, Isle of Man, late of East Dean, East Sussex, Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man from 1990, and Air Member for Personnel on the Air Board, 1987-1989, left estate valued at £170,513 net.

Mrs Mary Isobel Joy Bravo **Hawkins**, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,980,592 net.

Lady Richenda Katherine Theodora **Stubbs**, of London EC1, left estate valued at £226,184 net.

Mr Kenneth Frederick **Roberts**, of Chew Magna, Avon, former chief executive and deputy chairman of Wessex Water, left estate valued at £216,431 net.

Mrs Pamela Joy Eugenie **Hall**, of Ewell, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,601,431 net.
She left £70,000 and her interest in a property to personal legatees, and the residue to the Salvation Army.

Other estates include (net, before tax):

Jane Watson **Gieve**, of Farnham, Surrey	£875,633.
Mr Colin David **Green**, of Leigh on Sea, Essex	£997,869.

Reception

Guild of Freemen of the City of London
Mr Alderman and Mrs Clive Martin were the hosts at a reception and supper held last night at Innholders' Hall for the Guild of Freemen of the City of London. Colonel J.A. Haire was the speaker.

Legal appointments

Professional Negligence Bar Association
Mr Robin de Wilde, QC, has been elected Chairman of the Professional Negligence Bar Association and Mr Nicholas Davidson, QC, has been elected Vice-Chairman from December 6.

New Walk Chambers
Mr John Snell has been appointed Head of New Walk Chambers, 27 New Walk, Leicester.

Circuit Judges
Mr Nicholas Peter Riddell and Mr Stephen Philip Waller to be Circuit Judges, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.E. Cutts and Miss H.A.E. Martin
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the Right Revd Richard and Mrs Cutts, of West Deeping, and Harriet, daughter of the Revd Christopher Martin, of Hitchin, and Pam Hughes, of Shepherds Bush.

Mr J.E. Dunford Wood and Miss M.E. Rudd
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Lieutenant Colonel C.D.C. Dunford Wood, DFC, and of Mrs A.M. Dunford Wood, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Melissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Rudd, of 15 Kensington Square, London.

Mr A.B. Hamilton and Miss N. Sathaporn
The engagement is announced between Andrew Billings, elder son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Hamilton, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, and Nipapat, elder daughter of Mrs Prapai Sathaporn and of the late Mr Chote Sathaporn, of Bangkok, Thailand.

Mr M.L. Jordan and Miss E.M. Whelon
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs B. Jordan, of Benicia, California, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.P.C. Whelon, of Old Basing, Hampshire.

Mr H.E. Kennaway and Miss A.C.M. Fiott
The engagement is announced between Hugh Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Kennaway, of Stamford Brook, London, and Alyson Clare Monica, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Fiott, of St Brelade, Jersey, Channel Islands.

Mr P.M. Kenny and Miss C. Cooper
The engagement is announced between Paul Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Kenny, of Luxembourg, and Charlottee, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Cooper, of Storrington, West Sussex.

Mr R.E. Knapton and Miss K.S.J. Pope
The engagement is announced between Russell, son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Knapton, of Milton on Stour, Dorset, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J.M. Pope, of Lamberhurst, Kent.

Mr I.E. Novick and Miss S.J.L. Jackson
The engagement is announced between Ishai, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Mark E. Novick, of Edgware, Middlesex, and Johanna, eldest daughter of Mr John D. Jackson, CBE, and Mrs Jackson, of Leeds.

Mr A. Pang and Miss S.L. Rutson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Pang, of Shouson Hill, Hong Kong, and Sarah Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Rutson, of Queens Club Gardens, London.

Mr A.M. Scott and Miss C.S.A. Ross
The engagement is announced between Angus, younger son of Mr and Mrs Donald Scott, of Wisborough Green, Sussex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr David Ross and the late Mrs David Ross, of Morebattle, Roxboroughshire.

Mr M.J. Smith and Miss E.T. Crick
The engagement is announced between Michael John, only son of Mr and Mrs K. Smith, of Thaxted, Essex, and Elizabeth Thomasina, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Crick, of Catterick, North Yorkshire.

Mr C.B. Thomson and Miss Y. Sekine
The engagement is announced between Calum, elder son of Dr and Mrs T.J. Thomson, of Great Walsingham, Norfolk, and Yumi, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Sekine, of Tokyo, Japan.

Mr A.J. Tucker and Miss K.F. Shelley
The engagement is announced between Alastair, elder son of Mr David Tucker, of Banbury, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Bridget Tucker, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Shelley, of Sutton Coldfield.

Marriages

Lord Neidpath and Miss A. Feilding
The marriage took place on December 29, 1995, at the Southern Shining Pyramid, Dashur, Egypt, of Lord Neidpath, son of the Earl of Wemyss and March and the late Countess of Wemyss and March, and Amanda Claire Feilding, youngest daughter of the late Basil and Margaret Feilding.

Mr Q.J. Harmer and Dr R.H. Bower
The marriage took place on January 13, at St John's College Chapel, Cambridge, between Mr Quentin Harmer, of Helston, Cornwall, and Dr Rachel Bower, of Cottingham, East Yorkshire.

Mr T. Shannon and Miss M.C. Peyton-Jones
The marriage took place on December 23, 1995, in Puttenham, Surrey, of Mr Timothy Shannon, son of Mr and Mrs John Shannon, of The Peak, Hong Kong, and Miss Marina Peyton-Jones, daughter of the late Mr Jeremy Peyton-Jones and of Mrs Peyton-Jones, of Priory Farmhouse, Puttenham.

Mr W. Stephens and Miss P.M.E. Sheridan
The marriage took place in Jamaica, on December 22, between William, son of the late Mr William Stephens and of Mrs Stephens, formerly of Kensington Lodge, Oatlands Park, Surrey, currently of Eastbourne, and Pauline Monica Ereaut, daughter of Mr Cecil Majella Sheridan, CMG, PMN, and Mrs Sheridan, of Queniborough, Leicestershire.

Church news

The Rev James Bateson, Associate Priest (NSM), St Paul's, Wilford Hill, West Bridgford: to be Priest-in-charge (NSM), Staunton w Flawborough and Kilvington, and continue as Diocesan Officer for Non-stipendiary Ministry and Hon Chaplain, British Geological Survey (Southwell).

The Rev Nina Brown, Minister of Chantry Methodist Church, Assistant Priest in the Samford Deanery and Chaplain to the Deaf (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Priest-in-charge (half-time), Great Blakenham, Little Blakenham and Baylham and Nettlestead, and continue as Minister of Chantry Methodist Church and Chaplain to the Deaf, same diocese.

The Rev Caroline Dick, Curate, Hetton-le-Hole: to be Curate, Harton St Peter and to continue as part-time Chaplain of Sunderland University (Durham).

The Rev Ben Eaton, Chaplain, Maisons-Lafite, Paris, France: to be an Honorary Canon of St Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Malta (Europe).

Canon Bruce Grainger, Vicar, Oxenhope and Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Bradford): to be Vicar, Oxenhope and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, same diocese.

The Rev Christopher Greenwell, Vicar, Hoyland Nether (Sheffield): to be Vicar, Kirkleatham (York).

The Rev Richard Hoyal, Vicar, St Margaret's, Ilkley: to be also Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Bradford).

The Rev Paul Judson, Curate, Chester-le-Street: to be Secretary of the Board of Social Responsibility and Assistant Curate, Bishopwearmouth St Mark, Millfield, to be known as Associate Minister, and to continue as Editor of Durham Newslink and Durham Network (Durham).

The Ven Gordon Kuhrt, Archdeacon of Lewisham (Southwark): to be Chief Secretary of the Advisory Board of Ministry, Church House, Westminster.

The Rev Ambrose Mason, European Secretary for the Intercontinental Church Society: to be Director of Training for the diocese in Europe.

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For while some are incapable of marriage because they were born so, or were made so by men, there are others who have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom.
Matthew 19 : 12 (REB).

BIRTHS

ALLEY - On December 27th 1995 at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to Bill and Tina, a daughter, Antonia Louise, a sister to Savanna, Sam and Georgia.

ASHBOLT - On 8th January 1996 at High Wycombe General, to Judy and Mark, a daughter, Phoebe Adelaide - a star is born.

COLLOBY - On January 5th 1996, to Jennifer and Peter, a lovely daughter, Isabella Rose Campbell.

FOOT - On January 18th, to Romaine and Nick, a son.

HANEGRAAF - On January 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Cynthia and Paul, a son, Stefan Gregory, a brother for Anneke.

HIROKI - On January 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Junko and Fumiaki Iizuka, a beautiful son.

HOARE - On January 13th 1996, to Liz (née Forbes) and James, a son, Charles Thomas Gerard.

HUGHES - On January 17th 1996, to Charlotte (née Parry) and Jeremy, a daughter, Natasha Isobel, a sister for Alice, Thomas and Daniel.

PHILLIPS - On New Year's Day, to Penelope (née Prophet) and Richard, a daughter, Katharine Penelope, a sister for Jessica.

RICHARDS - On January 11th, in New York, to Helen and Alden, a daughter, Cressida Longstreth, a sister for Adelaide, Alexander and Isabel.

ROSE - On 31st December 1995, to André and Jacqueline (née Crwys-Williams), a son, Sebastian Arthur David, a brother for Amber.

SWINTON - On January 12th 1996 in Paris to Sandy and Emma (née Carbutt) a daughter Anna, a sister for Eloise and Lucy. Always remembering Mary.

BIRTHS

ZACHARIA - On January 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Belinda and Mahfouz, two beautiful daughters, Alice and Zoe, sisters for Emma and Sophie.

DEATHS

BADENOCH - Sir John D.M. F.R.C.P. Lond F.R.C.P. Ed, on 16th January, suddenly at home, very dearly loved husband of Anne, devoted and beloved father, grandfather and father-in-law. Funeral Service on Thursday 25th January at 11.30 am in Christ Church Cathedral Oxford. Family flowers only. A Memorial Service will be announced later.

BEET - Ernest H. Beet, Newcastle, Staffs. (formerly of Lincoln), former Officer in Tutors Association.

BIZLEY - Michael Terence Lewis, FIA, FIS, FSS, father of Rosalind and Richard, died peacefully on January 12th 1996 after a long illness. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey on Monday January 22nd at 4.30 pm. Flowers or donations to Hearing Research Trust c/o Tredlove, 18 Church Road, Epsom, Surrey.

BOWLZER - Stephen Samuel, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, passed away on 14th January 1996 at the Middlesex Hospital, after a brave fight. He will be with us always. Funeral Service to be held at Garston Crematorium at 12.30 pm on 22nd January.

CANT - On January 16th 1996 peacefully at his son's home Kenneth (Katie) of Budleigh Salterton aged 85. Much loved by all his family. Funeral Service at St Mary, Hale on Wednesday January 24th at 12 noon. Family flowers or donations to Salisbury Hospice Care Trust may be sent c/o John Shering, 34 Provost Street, Fordingbridge SP6 1AY.

CASEY - Johanna, on 13th January, widow of Michael, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral St Lawrence's, Sidcup, 12 noon Tuesday 23rd January. Donations to Cancer Research Campaign.

DODGSON - Elizabeth (Betty) on January 17th 1996, suddenly at home in Oxford. A much loved aunt and great-aunt. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday 23rd January 1996 at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only.

FELLOWS - Howard Alwyn of Sproughton, Ipswich and formerly of Westcliff and Felsted on January 14th 1996 suddenly but peacefully whilst on holiday. Husband of the late Doreen and of Margaret, father of William, David, Nicholas and Andrew. A much loved and devoted husband, father, stepfather and grandfather who will be sadly missed. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

FERGUSON - On 16th January 1996, peacefully at Felpham, Evelyn Marjorie aged 93 years. Beloved wife of the late Lt. Col. J.A. Ferguson OBE, and dear mother of Penelope, Jean and Allan. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Monday 22nd January at 9.30 am.

FULLER - Suddenly and peacefully in her sleep on 17th January 1996, Sheila (née Paton), beloved wife of Michael and mother of Mary, Thomas, James and Rebecca. Requiem Mass at St Thomas Becket, Tarporley, at 11 am on Tuesday 23rd January and interment at St Helen's. Family flowers only.

GIBSON - Joseph of Barbon, on 16th January, dear husband of Constance and father of Felicity, Stephen and Andrew. Family flowers only. Funeral Service on Monday 22nd January at 2pm at Barbon Church, nr. Kirkby Lonsdale.

GLENDEVON - On 18th January after a long illness, John Adrian Hope The Rt. Hon. Lord Glendevon P.C. Dearly loved husband of Liza and father of Julian and Jonathan, stepfather of Nic and Camilla. Funeral Service at St Andrews Church of Scotland, The Grange, on Monday 22nd January at 3.30 pm.

GRANT - Mary Jean, of New Zealand and London, died on 27th December 1995 after a long illness, impatiently borne. Cremation at Golders Green Cemetery, East Chapel, Wednesday 24th January 10.15 am. Family flowers only please. Donations to RNIB.

GREGORY - Leonard Albert former Investment Trust Manager with Kleinwort Benson of Cherrydene, Garden Close Lane, Newbury died peacefully at Woodbridge House, Newbury on 16th January aged 86. Now re-united with his beloved wife Eva and already missed by his sons Stephen, Roger, Nicholas and all the family and grandchildren. Funeral at Reading Crematorium, Caversham on Friday, 26th January at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Any donations to the Third Newbury Scouts Group which please send c/o Turner Brothers, 15 Hampton Road, Newbury RG14 6DB.

HEATH - Frederick William on 18th January 1996 at home. Much loved father of André and grandfather of Helena, Nicola and Joanna. Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Wednesday 24th January at 3 pm.

HOERDER - George Holmes, peacefully on 14th January, beloved husband of Hazel, adored father of Vanessa and Julian, and grandad of Christopher, Timothy and Jennifer. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, East Molesey on Tuesday 30th January at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher KT10 8NA. Memorial Service on Sunday 10th March at 4 pm in St Paul's Church, East Molesey.

HOWARD - On January 16th 1996 after a short illness Giles Philip Eliot died peacefully in Jersey. There will be a private cremation and a Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 26th January at 11.30 am at St Mary's Parish Church, St Mary's, Jersey. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Funeral Director H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd., St Helier, Jersey, tel: (01534) 37291.

JUPE - Erica, widow of Mr F. Jupe Consultant Surgeon, died peacefully aged 86 on January 16th 1996. Funeral at Stourbridge Crematorium on Wednesday 24th January at 4 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Royal London Society for the Blind c/o A.J. Timmins & Son, 142 Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3UJ.

KEEN - William Robert died unexpectedly on 14th January. Dearly loved Husband, Father and Grandfather. Managing Director of Ede & Ravenscroft, London. Funeral service on Thursday 25th January 1996 at 11 am at St John the Evangelist Church, Bourne Hill, Palmers Green, London, N13, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to 'Hornsey Trust for Handicapped Children', c/o A. Seward and Sons, 448 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, N13.

MANN - Robin Haslam very suddenly on 17th January. Loving friend to Penny. Adored father of Annabel and Philippa, much loved father-in-law of Nicolai and Rick. Dearly loved grandfather of Alexander and Christopher. He will be dreadfully missed. Funeral at All Saints Church, Rotherfield Peppard, Henley on Thames, on Thursday 25th January at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to RNLI appreciated.

McCABE - James (Jim), died 1st January 1996, aged 61 years. Requiem Mass to be held at Our Lady of Grace Church, Chiswick, on Saturday 27th January at 10am.

MELLOR - Peacefully in Honiton Hospital on 17th January 1996 Marjory Emily. Friend of many. Funeral Service on Tuesday 23rd January at St Giles Church, Northleigh, Honiton at 1.45 pm followed by cremation at Exeter & Devon Crematorium at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Asthma Society c/o Shoobridge Funeral Services, 184, High Street, Honiton, Devon, tel: (01404) 41424.

MILLAR - Eileen Phyllis May. On 16th January 1996 peacefully at Rush Court, in her 90th year. Dearly loved widow of Bill, mother of Richard and the late Graham and stepmother of Daphne. Cremation at Reading Crematorium at 10.15 am on Tuesday 30th January 1996 with a Service of Thanksgiving at Goring Parish Church at 12 noon on 30th January. Family flowers but donations welcome to DGAA at Rush Court, Wallingford OX10 8LL.

MURRAY-SMITH - On January 17th very peacefully, Cora, much loved mother of Jane, Sally, Jo, the late Iain, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Wednesday 24th January 1996 at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Enquiries to L.F. Lintott & Son, North Street, Midhurst GU29 9DG, tel: (01730) 813264.

PORTER - On 13th January 1996, peacefully in Kidderminster Hospital, Henry Whitford, most dearly loved husband of Celia, father of Philip and father-in-law of Julie. Funeral Service at Little Hereford Church on Tuesday 23rd January at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if wished for Little Hereford Church Roof Appeal. Enquiries to A. Hoskins & Son, tel: (01584) 872048.

PROWSE - Lizbelle Dorothea (Dora), aged 88 years. Died peacefully after a stroke at Aisling House Nursing Home, on Saturday 13th January 1996. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium, (West Chapel), Hoop Lane NW11 on Friday 26th January at 1 pm. All friends welcome. Interment of ashes in Welwyn Garden City Cemetery to be announced later. Flowers and enquiries to W.H. Putnam Funeral Directors, 6 Holmstall Parade, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middlesex, tel: (0181) 205-6620. Donations to Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead, NW3 1LT.

WALKER - On 17th January after a short illness Teresa "Terry", wife of Bobby, mother of Sara. Funeral Service on Wednesday 24th January at St Peter's Church, High Cross, Froxfield at 11.15 am. Flowers or donations to Alzheimer's Disease Society. Flowers and donations to Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hants. GU32 3HR, tel: (01730) 262711.

WASTIE - At Ninewells Hospital Dundee on Tuesday January 16th 1996, Dr. Roger L. Wastie of Newport-On-Tay, dearly beloved husband of Margaret and special father to Catherine, Jennifer and Christopher. Funeral Service in St Mary's Episcopal Church, Dalkeith on Monday January 22nd at 1.30 pm, thereafter to Morton Hall Crematorium, (main Chapel) Edinburgh, arriving at 3 pm, to which all are welcome. No flowers. Donations to Christian Aid and Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

WEBB - Kaye, Puffin peacefully on 16th January 1996. Dearly loved mother of John and Kate and devoted grandmother of Danny. Private family funeral. All enquiries to R.P. Sherry, 25 Bell Street, London NW1, tel: (0171) 723-0425. A Memorial Service will be arranged for later in the year.

WHEELER - On January 18th at Alresford, Hampshire, Leonard Gage Wheeler, Commander Royal Navy, dearly loved husband of Nancy, father of Patrick and Angela. Private funeral at his request. Family flowers only.

WILSON - Audrey, née Goonan, suddenly on 12th January. She will be remembered for her warmth, generosity and determination, and sadly missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her through a long association with Bond Street Bureau. Funeral Service at Chilterns Crematorium on Tuesday 23rd January at 1pm.

WIMBUSH - Audrey Beryl, passed away peacefully on January 14th 1996. Dearly loved mother of Felicity and Adrian and beloved grandmother of Christopher, Kathryn, Andrew and Claire. Service at St Giles, Packwood, at 2 pm on Friday January 26th.

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OBITUARIES

ADMIRAL SIR RAE McKAIG

Admiral Sir Rae McKaig, KCB, CBE, United Kingdom Military Representative to Nato, 1973-75, died on January 7 aged 73. He was born on April 24, 1922.

POSSESSED of an acute and agile intellect, Rae McKaig was also renowned for his civilised charm, unquenchable good humour and an endearing generosity towards both great and small.

Although his father was a distinguished soldier who won two DSOs on the Western Front during the First World War, John Rae McKaig decided to enter the Royal Navy. As a midshipman, he served in the cruisers *Sheffield* and *Berwick*, taking part in the unsuccessful Norwegian campaign of April 1940 and some of the more hazardous operations in the Mediterranean in 1941.

Transferring to destroyers, he served first in the *Foresight* and then the Hunt class *Puckeridge*. The latter was one of the destroyers sunk by air attack during the expensive attempt to take and hold the islands of Kos, Leros and Samos in November 1943 after the Italian surrender had altered the strategic balance in the Aegean. McKaig was one of very few to be rescued after spending a long time in the water. As the only surviving officer, it was his duty, aged 21, to write to all his shipmates' next-of-kin.

After taking part in the Normandy landings in an assault group, he was given command of Motor Torpedo Boat 764 and fought in the bitter campaign to clear the Scheldt Estuary. His war service ended with a specialisation course in communications and his subsequent postings reflected this expertise, including a tour in the Admiralty and other operational staff appointments.

While in the Persian Gulf in 1952, and barely in the seniority zone for promotion, he was promoted commander at the very early age of 30. This clear recognition of McKaig's outstanding qualities was somewhat nullified by what happened next; after the end of the Korean War and a series of defence reviews it had become apparent that there were not enough warships to allow sufficient sea command experience for all the officers who were eligible. The Admiralty solution was to institute Post and General lists, old-fashioned terms that rapidly became known as "wet" and "dry" for self-apparent reasons.

There was a need to convince the "dry" list that, despite their inability to exercise the crowning function of sea command, their promotion chances remained good and that they were not second-class citizens. It is a fair bet that the young Commander McKaig was among those of talent and promise who were politically chosen for the "dry" list with this in mind.

Many resigned in discontent but it was typical of McKaig that he continued to give of his best. After a tour as Fleet Communications Officer Home Fleet, he was sent as second-in-command to *HMS Ganges*, the celebrated boys' training establishment at Ipswich. Here he met for the first time the redoubtable Captain (later Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh) Mackenzie, who remembers him as a quite oustanding executive officer of a boys' training establishment: "Simply faultless. I had nothing to do — provided I did what McKaig wanted!"

When he attained another early promotion to captain, McKaig went to the Admiralty and was selected for the Imperial Defence College before being appointed in command of the minelayer-headquarters ship *Manxman*, due to go to the Far East.

A chance to break the "wet" and "dry" nexus had been offered but shortly, after joining, McKaig was summoned by the Admiralty and told he had been selected as deputy to Rear-Admiral Hugh Mackenzie, who had been charged with managing the creation of the United Kingdom's submarine-based nuclear deterrent (based on the American Polaris missile). His boss had been allowed to take his pick of all the captains in the Navy. Mackenzie later recorded that, despite his very real disappointment at being hijacked out of a long-sought-after sea appointment, McKaig entered wholeheartedly into his new onerous post which taxed all his talents.

Mackenzie had been assigned to manage the Polaris project on Boxing Day 1962. Less than seven years later, in July 1969, the Royal Navy assumed responsibility for the deterrent, as *Resolution*, the first ballistic missile submarine, arrived in her patrol area.

Between these two dates the Polaris executive had to set up and then control to fruition a project of novel size, cost and complexity — and one which did not rest easily among the established equipment procurement structures. McKaig had to install a battery of new management techniques, build a robust and detailed project plan and, despite the high priority accorded to the programme, negotiate persuasively for people and resources from other authorities, some of whom believed that the proper business of the Royal Navy would be damaged by this expensive irrelevancy. McKaig's contribution to Britain's future defence policy was substantial. He was appointed CBE in 1966.

After a tour in command of the Navy's signals school at Portsmouth, he was promoted rear-admiral and put in charge of the Admiralty division which defined future equipment needs. In 1970 he was promoted vice-admiral and appointed Flag Officer, Plymouth. His final post, as a full admiral, was in Brussels as the United Kingdom's military representative on the Military Committee, Nato's highest-ranking military authority, where his powers of negotiation, political sense and friendly charm found plenty of scope. He retired in 1975, having been appointed a KCB in 1973.

With energies undiminished, McKaig became a director of Inchcape and the chairman and chief executive of its shipping subsidiary, Gray Mackenzie & Co, until 1986. He was also the founder and director of the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions, a unique grouping of Britain's foremost tourist attractions in terms of visitor numbers and reputation.

A member of the Royal Yacht Squadron and the Royal Ocean Racing Club, he was a keen offshore racing sailor as well as a fisherman and shot. He was recently elected a member of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights. Like many other naval officers, he was a talented artist in watercolours, but "never had enough time for it".

His charitable activities included membership of the Royal Patriotic Fund and the management committee of the RNLI, as well as support for the Winged Fellowship for the disabled. For many years a churchwarden at Hambledon, he was also particularly proud of the success of his six-year campaign to set up a low-cost housing association in the village.

He married Susan Marriott in 1945 and is survived by her and two sons and a daughter.

BARBARA JORDAN

Barbara Jordan, former US Democratic Congresswoman, died from pneumonia on January 17 aged 59. She was born on February 21, 1936.

BARBARA JORDAN was the first Afro-American to be elected to Congress from America's Deep South since the end of Reconstruction in 1877. She also possessed one of the most recognisable voices in American politics during the 1970s: a booming organ of magisterial authority. During an age when political oratory had given way to the more superficial demands of television, Jordan still liked to harangue her audiences with Churchillian vigour.

Her first real impact on a wide American public came as the "inquisitor" — a description she borrowed from Shaw's *St Joan* — on the House Judiciary Committee in 1974 which voted to impeach President Nixon. Her strong words, coupled with the image of a black woman challenging the President, impressed her fellow-Americans: "My faith in the Constitution is whole, it is complete, it is total. And I am not going to be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction of the Constitution."

Barbara Charline Jordan was born in Houston, Texas, and grew up in poverty, although she never tried to make political capital of the fact. She was the daughter of a strict Baptist minister who moonlighted as a warehouseman to pay for her education.

She proved an outstanding student and graduated *magna cum laude* from the all-black Texas Southern University. Already she was honing her oratorical skills, and led the college debating team to a draw against Harvard. She gained a law degree from Boston University in 1959.

She returned to Houston and for a time practised law from her parents' dining room table, but her real interest was now in politics. It was not an easy road for a woman in her position to travel. After assisting in the Kennedy 1960 presidential campaign, she lost two bids for a seat in the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and 1964. Then, in 1966, she raised her sights, ran for the Texas Senate, and won. She was the first black person ever elected to that body.

Jordan was so successful in the state legislature that when she decided to run for Congress in 1971 the result was a landslide. She took 80 per cent of the vote in the primary election to defeat three male opponents, and then went on to trounce the Republican contender by a majority of 66,000.

Along the way she had also picked up a powerful patron: President Lyndon Johnson. It was partly through Johnson's earlier patronage that the freshman Jordan found herself on the House Judiciary Committee in 1974, charged with deciding on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon.

Jordan's impassioned and eloquent arguments against Nixon, based on strictly constitutional grounds, marked her indelibly on the American public mind. She became a voice to be heard, and never to be ignored, on liberal issues ranging from civil rights, education and the plight of the poor, to protection of the environment, military spending and the power of the oil industry. She was more comfortable working quietly through the legislature than in joining in the marches or demos of the times.

Her power was in her voice, which reminded one listener less of the black preacher and more of the white southern gentleman lawyer, arguing his case with passion. She used it to brilliant effect in 1976 when, as keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention, she warned against the divisions in American society, and called for a true "national community". Delegates listened in rapt attention, and ended in a near ecstatic ovation. With no particular reference to her race, she said that her inclusion as a speaker — a "most unusual" choice — was one more piece of evidence that "the American dream need not forever be deferred".

And yet, to the general surprise of most commentators, Barbara Jordan gave up her seat in Congress in 1979 and returned to the University of Texas to teach political ethics at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. The voice, however, was not stilled. Even from a wheelchair, to which she was confined in her later years by multiple sclerosis and leukaemia, Barbara Jordan continued to speak out.

She never married. "Politics," she once told an interviewer, "is almost totally consuming. A good marriage requires that one attend to it and not treat it as another hobby." She lived with her mother, who survives her.

G. STANLEY RUSHBROOKE

G. Stanley Rushbrooke, FRS, Professor of Theoretical Physics, Newcastle University, 1951-80, died on December 14 aged 80. He was born on January 19, 1915.

THROUGHOUT this century physicists and chemists have struggled to understand how the physical properties of solids, liquids and gases arise from the forces between their molecules. Stanley Rushbrooke devoted a distinguished career to furthering this area of study and played an important role in the group of scientists who largely solved the question.

As a postgraduate student at St John's College, Cambridge, in the 1930s, George Stanley Rushbrooke came under the supervision of R. H. Fowler, then the leading British authority on statistical mechanics. It was postulated at that time that liquids could be described as slightly disordered solids and Rushbrooke's first project was to explore this theory further. He continued throughout his life to make important contributions to the statistical mechanics of arrays of molecules and magnetic elements on the sites of a regular lattice array, which is an appropriate model of a solid, but he came to realise that this was not an appropriate one for a liquid.

Rushbrooke held posts in both physics and chemistry departments at Bristol, Dundee, Leeds and Oxford. But it was during his time as Professor of Theoretical Physics at Newcastle University that his most innovative work was done. In his study of 1951 to 1953 Rushbrooke, helped by one of his students H. E. Scoins, made a decisive break with prewar tradition by the reintroduction into statistical mechanics of the concept of the direct correlation function — a function that had been devised in 1914 by two Dutch physicists and then ignored for forty years. This function was to prove the key in creating a genuine continuum theory of liquids, free from the artificial constraint of a solid-like lattice. In 1954 Rushbrooke was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and in 1979 to that of the Royal Society of London.

Rushbrooke used the device of the direct correlation function in 1960 to develop an ingenious theory of the structure of liquids known, because of the way the molecular interactions were linked, as the hyper-netted chain method. But others had by then also appreciated the power of this revived function and this theory was postulated simultaneously also in the United States, Japan and The Netherlands. The 1960s saw Rushbrooke at the peak of his powers, producing a steady flurry of papers on the theories of both liquids and lattice models.

Above a certain critical temperature liquids and gases can no longer be distinguished from each other, although this transition to a unified fluid state was then imperfectly understood. But in 1963 Rushbrooke showed rigorously that one set of physical properties of a magnetic system at the equivalent (Curie) point had to be at least as large as another set. It was found later that they are, in fact, equal in size and that this result holds also for liquids and gases.

This apparently obscure mathematical identity, and others that followed, paved the way for a number of papers in which the problem of the critical state was, in essence, finally solved. The Nobel Prize for this achievement went, nearly twenty years later, to Kenneth Wilson at Cornell University, but Rushbrooke's simple result of 1963 was a touchpaper.

Rushbrooke was a regular attender at the biennial Gordon conference on liquids in New England where he would sit quietly smoking his pipe until he had an incisive contribution to make to the discussion.

In 1949 Rushbrooke married Thelma Barbara Cox, who died in 1977. They had no children, but he is survived by his twin brother, who is a mathematician.

EMMANUEL LÉVINAS

Emmanuel Lévinas, philosopher, died in Paris on December 25 aged 89. He was born on in Kaunas, Lithuania, on December 30, 1905.

PART of a circle of eminent existentialists, Emmanuel Lévinas ranked highly among contemporary European thinkers. Yet though held in esteem by such philosophical colleagues as Sartre, he was mostly unknown to the wider public. To a large extent it was Lévinas who introduced the German phenomenologists — Husserl and Heidegger — to France. His studies of their work — *The Theory of Intuition in the Phenomenology of Husserl* (1930) and *Martin Heidegger and Ontology* (1932) — are recognised classics. Current French thinkers such as Jaques Derrida and Alain Finkielkraut have acknowledged a heavy debt to Lévinas's thought.

However, where Lévinas really made his mark was in his attempt to connect philosophy and religion within the ethical dimension. He became the leading philosophical expounder of Judaism to the modern world and, as a profound humanist, took for his central subject the question of what it means to be a man in a century which has been dominated by conflict, massacre and the Holocaust. Among his most important publications were *De l'existence d l'existant* (1947), *Totalité et infini* (1961) and *Difficile Liberté* (1963).

Emanuel Lévinas was born the son of a bookseller and, although he grew up speaking Russian as his first language, he began to learn Hebrew at the age of six. In 1923 he went to Strasbourg to study philosophy, but it was five years later attending Husserl's lectures in Freiburg that the philosophical encounter which was to shape his life took place. He returned to Strasbourg, where he completed a thesis on intentionality in Husserl.

Lévinas became a French citizen, a move which probably saved his life. While his family perished in the Holocaust, he, although captured by the Germans, was wearing French uniform and treated as a prisoner of war, thus escaping the gas chambers.

After the liberation of France, Lévinas became the director of a Jewish school in Paris and a shaping influence on a fragile Jewish community, just beginning to rediscover its roots.

His memories of the Nazi Holocaust were profoundly to influence his philosophy. He studied the way in which the "other" can become depersonalised. Existence, Lévinas argued, should be understood in its ethical as well as its existential dimension. At the heart of his thought lay the basic concept of the encounter between human beings. More than the "I-thou" encounter described by Buber in which a true meeting of minds is said to take place, Lévinas stressed the concept of the "face" of the other — a "face" which helped to define each individual in the "epiphany" of being addressed by the other in person. In Lévinas's philosophic texts, this provides the distinction between existence and the existent. In religious terms, it became man's awareness of his ethical responsibilities to other people. His 1972 *Humanisme de l'autre homme* takes as its preface a quotation from *King Lear*: "I should e'en die with pity to see another thus."

Lévinas's lectures on the Talmud, some of which were published as *Quatres lectures talmudiques* (1968), adroitly fused traditional textual analysis and sophisticated philosophical thought. He saw the Talmud as a corrective to the sterile solipsism of most Western thought. However, he was not an uncritical lover of Judaism and was sharply aware of the plight of the Palestinians. "If the State of Israel is to exist," he wrote, "it needs the recognition of the Arab world. The greatest ethical idea of existence for one's neighbour applies unreservedly to me . . . and cannot be thought to include demanding the existence of a people of martyrs."

In 1930 Emmanuel Lévinas married Raissa Rachel, who died in 1994. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

ON THIS DAY

January 19, 1892

When he died, the Duke of Clarence, Prince Eddy, the elder son of the future King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, was engaged to Princess May of Teck. She later married Prince Eddy's younger brother, Prince George, the future King George V. It has to be said that the Duke of Clarence was not the most promising of princes.

THE LATE DUKE OF CLARENCE.

THE BODY AT SANDRINGHAM CHURCH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SANDRINGHAM, Jan. 18.

This morning the Prince and Princess of Wales, with the three Princesses, went from Sandringham House to the church, and, after remaining there for some time, returned on foot, notwithstanding the cold thaw and the wet ground.

In the afternoon the people of the neighbourhood and others, were allowed free entrance to the church, and many persons availed themselves of the privilege. The feeling in the neighbourhood is that Sandringham is essentially the country house of the Prince of Wales and his family, and, while the nation mourns an irreparable loss, the people here feel, over and above that loss, the sympathy peculiar to the neighbours and dependents of a great county family which has lost its heir. Hence it is that a long series of vehicles have come from Castle Rising and Lynn on the one side and from Brancaster, Hunstanton, Holm-by-the-Sea, and Sedgeford on the other side, conveying for the most part visitors of the humbler sort. There were many who came on foot also, some of them in their working clothes——gamekeepers, labourers, and the like; and here and there among the vehicles gathered on the green at the side of the road might be seen a carriage and pair.

A light gate within the porch was opened now and again in order to admit the people in successive groups of 12 for a few minutes; and the groups continued to follow one another all the afternoon until darkness came on and the church was left to the watchers and the coffin. Those who entered saw the scene of the preceding day altered but little. The coffin lay in the same position as on Sunday, but with one corner of the silken flag raised, so that the plain unpolished oak of the coffin, with some of its brass fittings, was visible. Within the oaken coffin is one of lead and a shell, and the coffin itself bears a brass plate surmounted with the Duke's coronet and coat of arms. The inscription on the plate is, "His Royal Highness Albert Victor Christian Edward Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., K.P., Major 10th Royal Hussars. Born 8th January, 1864, at Frogmore, Windsor; died 14th January, 1892, at Sandringham, Norfolk." The chancel of the church was protected by a cord, at which each visitor halted reverently for a few moments. It was noticeable that the volume of wreaths and emblems had increased. Above the altar stood a huge cross from the ladies of Belfast, and the seat upon the north side of the chancel, occupied by the Duke and Duchess of Fife and the Duke of Teck on the preceding day, was heaped up with a mass of white wreaths and crosses.

Quiet people standing in groups, almost every woman among them showing at least a sign of mourning; a group of humble equipages; a wagon now and then passing towards Sandringham with a load of cases, evidently containing wreaths; a servant approaching the church laden with piles of similar cases of smaller dimensions . . .

(From the *Court Circular*.)

OSBORNE, Jan. 18.

Her Majesty had intended, and even settled, to attend the last sad ceremony at St. George's on Wednesday, and only yielded most unwillingly to the Prince and Princess of Wales's reiterated entreaties that she would not expose herself to the risk of catching cold on the journey to and from Windsor in this uncertain weather.

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NEWS

Major promises EU White Paper

■ John Major pleased Tory Euro-sceptics by bowing to pressure for a White Paper laying out the Government's position on Europe in the run-up to crucial negotiations on the future of the European Union.

The move took MPs by surprise and came amid a ministerial drive to calm a renewed bout of leadership fever sparked by suggestions that previously loyal backbenchers have been plotting against the Prime Minister.................... **Pages 1, 10, 19**

Meningitis children get new hope

■ Doctors in Glasgow believe they have devised a technique that could save the lives of hundreds of children facing death from meningitis. Four children who received the treatment in the past year have survived and doctors said three of them would have died if they had not had it.......................... **Page 1**

HGV sight tests

Thousands of spectacle-wearing lorry and bus drivers face losing their jobs because of a Brussels ruling forcing them to pass sight tests without wearing their glasses.............................. **Page 1**

New rules for GPs

Britain's 30,000 family doctors will be expected to treat accident and emergency cases, chronic illness and mental health patients under a national contract, the Health Secretary said....... **Page 1**

Shackling climbdown

Michael Howard announced a government climbdown over the shackling of pregnant women prisoners after protests from hospital staff and the Royal College of Midwives .... **Page 2**

That's my girl

The roads protester who stripped naked in Coventry Cathedral is the daughter of a consultant metallurgist who specialises in turning sheet metal into cars.. **Page 3**

Duchess flies out

The Duchess of York flew to America with her daughters on a combined business and pleasure trip. She abandoned a plan to fly by Concorde..................... **Page 5**

Acne drug warning

Doctors issued a warning about Minocycline, the most popular anti-acne drug in Briatain, which can cause arthritis and damage the liver and lungs............ **Page 6**

CS sprays for police

CS sprays will be issued to 2,500 police in 16 forces next month after chief constables approved a six-month trial. The sprays cost £3 and have a range of about three metres .... **Page 8**

Mitterrand book ban

A French court banned the publication of a book by former President Mitterrand's doctor, which alleges that he imposed an 11-year "reign of lies" to hide his cancer from the public .... **Page 11**

US election agenda

Washington's budget stalemate has emerged as the central issue in November's presidential elections. The White House doubts privately that a deal can be brokered this year .... **Page 12**

Chechen siege over

President Yeltsin declared the assault on the southern Russian village of Pervomaiskoye over, saying that almost no hostages had been hurt.................. **Page 13**

Burundi fighting

Fifteen thousand Rwandan refugees in Burundi headed for Tanzania after heavy fighting between Hutu militia and Burundi's Tutsi army............... **Page 14**

Hostel fire kills nine

Nine people died in a fire in a foreigners' hostel in Lübeck, raising fears of a new wave of racist violence in Germany. Three youths were arrested...... **Page 15**

Football's goal is female fans

■ Female fans are being enticed to European championship games this summer with advertisements in women's magazines. The campaign uses three women supporters. Ailsa Park, 21, a distant relative of Sir Bobby and Jack Charlton, is pictured saying: "How can I lie back and think of England when Venables has not finalised the squad?" .... **Page 8**

PETER BYRNE

Chester Zoo's female Asian elephant, born a month ago, went on show yesterday. The 140-kilo calf has not yet been named

BUSINESS

Economy: Base rates were cut by a quarter of a percentage point to 6.25 per cent despite a slight rise in the annual inflation rate from 3.1 to 3.2 per cent .... **Page 23**

Defence: The £10 billion programme to build 230 Eurofighters for the RAF will start this summer after Britain and Germany settled a year-long wrangle........... **Page 23**

Chemists: Boots the Chemist was knocked off the top slot as Britain's largest chemists' chain by the £547 million takeover of Lloyds Chemists by Unichem .... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index closed at a record 3748.7, up 44.5 points. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell to 83.0 after a drop from $1.5295 to $1.5230 and from DM2.2390 to DM2.2376.... **Page 26**

SPORT

Cricket: In view of his discomfort with the limited-overs game it may be best for Michael Atherton to stand down as captain of England for the World Cup............ **Page 44**

Tennis: Mary Pierce, holder of the Australian Open women's singles title, was knocked out in the second round by Elena Likhovtseva, a 20-year-old Russian............... **Page 44**

Football: David Platt, the England captain, had an exploratory operation on his left knee, the second in five months since he joined Arsenal last summer .... **Page 44**

Rugby union: The players of England and France stand to earn the largest sums in the first professional five nations' championship, although England is the only union not paying a win bonus.... **Page 40**

Change of style: No more gold lamé fishnet stockings, no nasty goings-on with a Black and Decker. For his tender new film, *Flower of My Secret*, Pedro Almodóvar has matured .... **Page 31**

Theatrical high: Martin Shaw gives the performance of his life in Peter Hall's superb West End staging of Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband* .... **Page 31**

Pop on Friday: The cult of the middle-of-the-road is still growing. Burt Bacharach, the godfather of easy listening, is being marketed for a new generation .... **Page 32**

New albums: Tori Amos conceived her third album during the break-up of a longstanding relationship. But why do we have to suffer along with her?.......................... **Page 33**

Spine-chilling cures: "A retired general from Basingstoke threatens to cure me by swinging a pendulum above my back. A friend sent me a corset dangling hot-water bottles, and I burnt my bottom." Philip Howard on his recurring backache.......................... **Page 16**

That's new life: Mary Riddell talks to Esther Rantzen about the demise of *That's Life* and her renaissance with the BBC's new hit talkshow, *Esther*.............................. **Page 16**

Elizabeth's story: The royal marriage in its blissful early days before the King's death .... **Page 17**

Adding up: Several studies have shown that other European, and Asian, children are ahead of their British counterparts in mathematics by some margin. John O'Leary reports.............................. **Page 35**

The American public was aghast when the price tag for curing the nearsightedness of the often-maligned Hubble space telescope was floated in the early 1990s. Now it has become a source of family entertainment for just about anyone with a computer and a modem. Hubble lets you turn to your child and say: "This is where stars are born." It is providing a window on the unknown, at a cost that must now seem quite reasonable from any angle — *Los Angeles Times*

Preview: Computer-designed dental fillings are part of *Tomorrow's World* (BBC1, 7.30pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss on a new boy band and its bid for stardom .....**Page 43**

The pace quickens

A more expansionary economic policy may not be enough to save Mr Major: but some acceleration in the economy alongside the political cycle will do no harm to the Tories or to Britain .... **Page 19**

Lamont's odyssey

The Tories of Harrogate, the Yorkshire spa town famous for tearooms, good sense and toffee, should prepare the fatted calf this evening and take the opportunity to select the Tories' prodigal son as their new candidate .... **Page 19**

Mr Robinson

A twinkle-fingered man-typist from Leeds has just lost his case for sex discrimination against a recruitment agency for secretaries. He should not lose heart .... **Page 19**

BERNARD LEVIN

What his erstwhile comrades will never forgive was that John Lloyd gave evidence in court against his comrades, who went to prison. Now he is close to becoming an MP, on the Labour side. (If you open the window, you can hear Tony Blair groaning)......... **Page 18**

NIGEL HAWKES

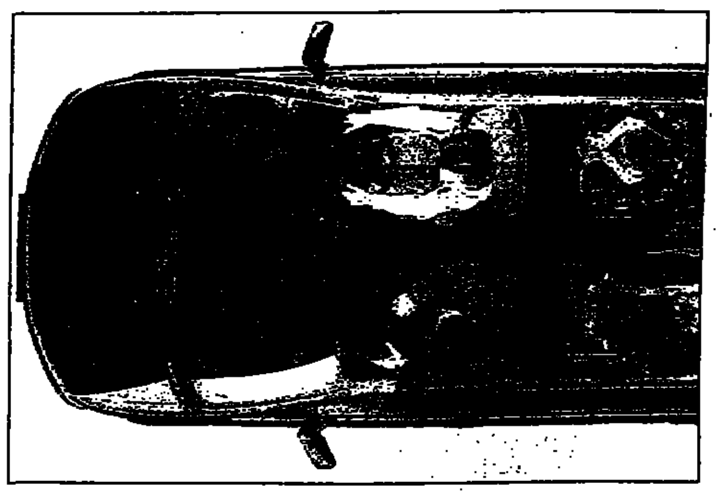
The implications of discovering intelligence elsewhere would be disconcerting. This is why an astronomer once remarked: "If the cosmic telephone rings, for God's sake let's not answer"........................ **Page 18**

PETER RIDDELL

The latest rumours about backbench plotting against Mr Major matter not because he is likely to be ousted but because of what they reveal about the state of the Tory party .... **Page 10**

Admiral Sir Rae McKaig, UK Military Representative to Nato, 1973-75; **Barbara Jordan**, former US Democratic Congresswoman; **Professor Stanley Rushbrooke**, physicist............................ **Page 21**

Granada and Forte; Newbury bypass; the National Lottery and charities .... **Page 19**



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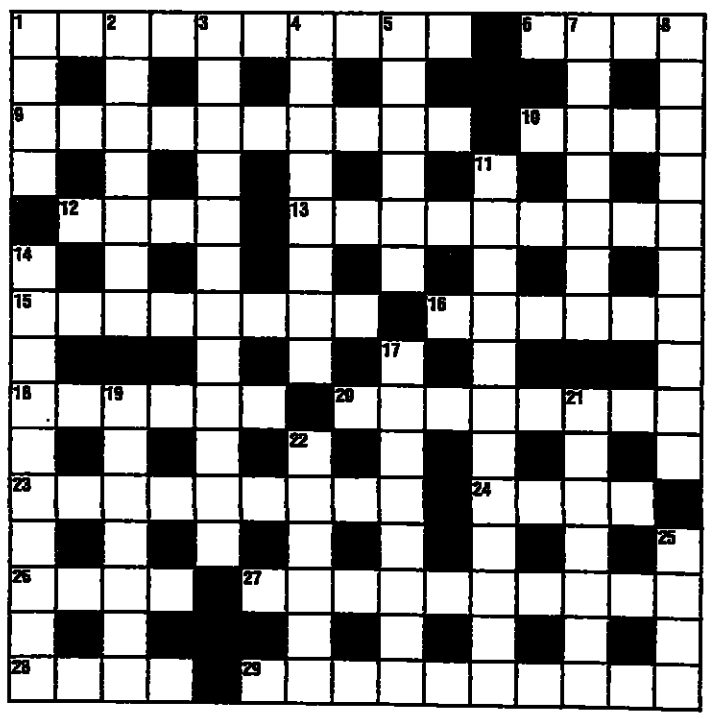

ACROSS

1 Lords and ladies crazed by drink (6,4).
6 Long way away, in the middle of hunting trip (4).
9 Problem with locks for carp (5,5).
10 Responsibility of running large country (4).
12 A lot of water to satisfy thirst, say? Not at first (4).
13 Recoil, and express dissatisfaction with cake verbally (9).
15 Suspension of a governor by an ecclesiastical organisation (8).
16 Order fish, and get with tail removed (6).
18 Flier consuming chop and banger (6).
20 Scots head may have this soothing influence before exam (8).
23 Person setting course around midnight is new pilot (9).
24 Band of men who fight hard (4).
26 Sort of ferry McGregor's leaving by, separately (2-2).
27 When cooked the ant bird is tough (4-6).
28 China tea (4).
29 Whatever happens, innate envy will come out (2,3,5).

DOWN

1 Rhino getting caught on tree (4).
2 Composite picture showing island over a period (7).
3 Running wild, start to hack into rotten pomegranate (2,3,7).
4 Quiet, relaxed sound reproduction (5).
5 Slender point on missile (6).
7 Fellow not just found in amusements (7).
8 Needy girls worked without protest (10).
11 London borough's accepting minimal cash payment for services for state (3,9).
14 Pompous officer shows face, a month on beat (10).
17 Cheer up! The worst is over, Xanthippe (8).
19 The party's over — Henry ejected the little bounder (7).
21 Favour mechanical repetition incorporating routine (7).
22 Make great effort in race (6).
25 Christopher receives new contract (4).

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ABERLOUR

The solution to yesterday's qualifier puzzle will appear on January 29

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Sun rises: 7.57 am
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Moon rises 6.31 am

New Moon tomorrow
London 4.26 pm to 7.56 am
Bristol 4.36 pm to 8.05 am
Edinburgh 4.18 pm to 8.28 am
Manchester 4.26 pm to 8.13 am
Penzance 4.53 pm to 8.12 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Much of England and Wales will have a grey and overcast day with some patchy light rain and drizzle, chiefly in the north and west. Some eastern counties should brighten a little in the afternoon but mist and fog are expected to return in the evening.

Northern Ireland and northwest Scotland will have a dry and cloudy day once any early rain has cleared. The rest of Scotland will be cloudy with hill fog and some patchy light rain and drizzle. Temperatures will be close to, or a little above, the average for mid-January.

☐ **London, Central S, Central N, SE, E England, E Anglia, E, W Midlands:** Overcast and misty with patchy drizzle and hill fog. Becoming a little brighter for the afternoon. Wind south or southeast light. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW, NW, NE England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** Cloudy with hill fog. Patchy light rain or drizzle. Wind southeast, mostly light. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** Any early rain clearing, then dry but rather cloudy. Wind light and variable, becoming southeasterly later. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Cloudy. Outbreaks of rain. Wind southeast, moderate, becoming fresh later. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook:** Turning progressively colder as the winds freshen from the east.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.3	-	7	45	du	Leuchars	0.9	-	9	48	du
Anglesey	-	-	10	50	c	Littlehmptn	-	-	7	45	du
Aspatria	0.8	-	8	46	c	Liverpool	0.1	-	7	45	c
Aviemore	1.7	-	9	48	b	London	-	-	7	45	c
Belfast	-	0.04	10	50	r	Lowestoft	-	0.01	5	41	fg
Birmingham	-	-	5	41	d	Manchester	0.3	-	7	45	c
Bognor R	-	-	7	45	du	Margate	-	-	4	39	du
Bournem'th	-	-	8	46	c	Minehead	-	0.01	9	48	d
Bristol	-	-	8	45	du	Morecambe	0.9	-	9	48	c
Buxton	-	-	4	39	fg	Newcastle	X				
Cardiff	-	-	7	45	fg	Newquay	-	-	10	50	c
Clacton	-	0.02	4	39	c	Norwich	X				
Colwyn Bay	X					Oxford	-	0.01	5	41	d
Cromer	-	-	5	41	du	Penzance	-	-	11	52	du
Doncaster	X					Plymouth	X				
Dunbar	X					Poole	-	-	9	48	c
Eastbourne	-	-	7	45	c	Prestatyn	X				
Edinburgh	1.9	-	10	50	c	Ross-o-wye	-	-	7	45	c
Eskdalemuir	-	0.06	6	43	d	Salcombe	X				
Exmouth	-	-	9	48	du	Sandown	-	-	8	46	du
Falmouth	-	-	10	50	du	Saunton Snd	-	-	9	48	c
Fishguard	0.2	-	8	46	d	Scarboro'	-	-	5	41	fg
Folkestone	-	-	4	39	du	Shanklin	-	-	7	45	du
Glasgow	-	0.01	9	48	du	Shrewsbury	-	-	7	46	du
Guernsey	-	-	9	48	c	Skegness	-	0.01	5	41	d
Hastings	-	-	6	43	c	Southend	-	0.01	6	43	d
Hayling I.	-	-	7	45	du	Southport	-	-	8	46	b
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Hunstanton	-	-	5	41	fg	Swanage	-	-	9	48	c
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	-	-	9	48	du
Isle of Man	0.5	-	10	50	c	Tiree	0.2	0.01	11	52	r
Jersey	-	-	8	46	c	Torquay	-	-	10	50	c
Kinloss	2.0	-	11	52	s	Tynemouth	-	-	6	43	c
Leeds	0.7	-	7	45	c	Ventnor	-	-	7	45	fg
Lerwick	-	-	8	46	c	Weymouth	-	-	9	48	c

Ajaccio	13	55	s	Corfu	9	48	s	Majorca	13	55	f	S Fr'sco	11	52	s
Akrotiri	13	55	f	C'phagn	-1	30	fg	Malaga	15	59	f	S Paulo	23	73	d
Alex'dria	13	55	c	Dublin	11	52	c	Malta	12	54	s	Salzburg	-4	25	s
Algiers	16	61	f	Dubrovnik	10	50	s	Melb'rne	20	68	s	Santiago	26	79	s
Amst'dm	-1	30	c	Faro	15	59	f	Mexico C	18	64	s	Seoul	0	32	s
Athens	8	46	f	Florence	8	46	s	Miami	25	77	c	Sing'por	30	86	s
B Aires	26	79	f	Frankfurt	-2	28	sn	Milan	0	32	fg	St'kholm	-1	30	s
Bahrain	-	-	-	Funchal	16	61	c	Montreal	5	41	-	Strasb'rg	0	32	c
Bangkok	31	88	f	Geneva	1	34	c	Moscow	-4	25	c	Sydney	28	82	s
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Borde'x	12	54	s	L Angels	17	63	s	Peking	0	32	s	Venice	-1	30	fg
Brussels	1	34	d	L Palmas	21	70	f	Perth	27	81	s	Vienna	-4	25	c
Budapest	-5	23	c	Le Touquet	3	37	f	Prague	-4	25	c	Warsaw	-4	25	c
Cairo	14	57	f	Lisbon	11	52	c	Reykjavik	-4	25	f	Wash'ton	6	43	f
Cape Tn	29	84	s	Locarno	5	41	s	Rhodes	11	52	s	Well'ngton	17	63	-
Ch'church	19	66	-	Luxembg	-2	28	fg	Rio de J	36	97	f	Zurich	-2	28	c
Chicago	6	43	r	Luxor	16	61	s	Riyadh	19	66	s				
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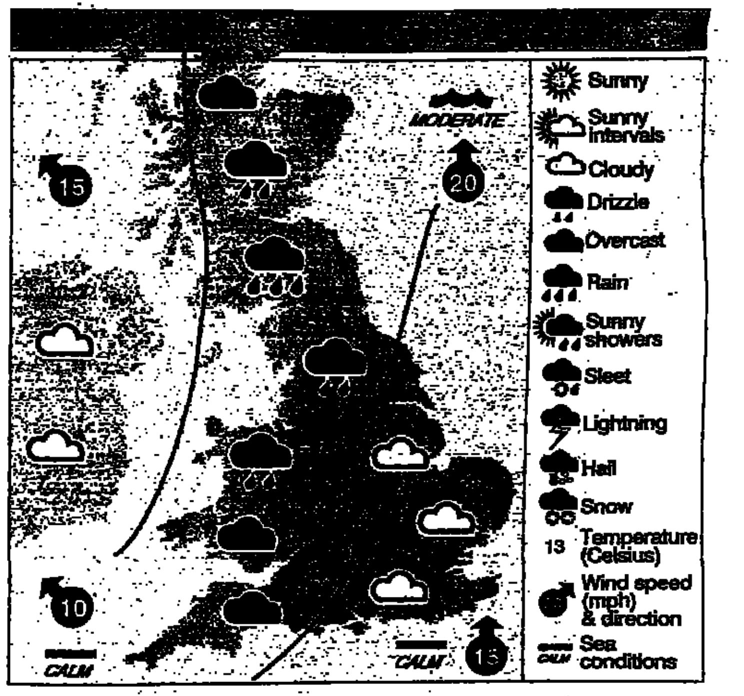

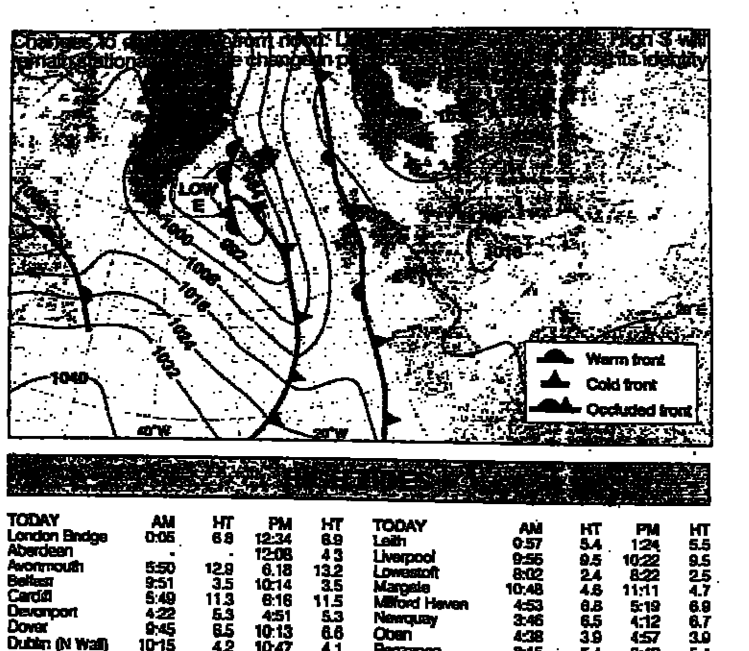

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Ilfracombe	4:35	9.1	5:03	9.2	Tees	2:17	5.2	2:39	5.3
King's Lynn	4:51	6.5	5:15	6.8	Walton-on-Naze	10:19	4.1	10:46	4.1

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Aultbea, Highland, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Stansted airport, Essex, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Western Isles, .28in; highest sunshine: Kinloss, Grampian, 2hr

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